



**MEETING OF THE
STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION**

**111 Executive Center Drive
Columbia, SC 29210
Board Room**

10:00 A.M.

May 27, 2025

A G E N D A

I. WELCOME GUESTS AND MEDIA

II. CALL TO ORDER- COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Roger Schrum, Chairman

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Section 30-4-70(a) of the S.C. Code of Laws provides that a "public body may hold a meeting closed to the public for one or more of the following reasons:

Subsection (1) – Discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee, a student, or a person regulated by a public body or the appointment of a person to a public body. . . ."

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

- Action may be taken on the matter(s) discussed during executive session

IV. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORTS:

A. Economic Development and Training Committee

E. Grantland Burns, Chair

1. Project Budget for State Board Ratification
2. Board Ratification for retrainSC Projects for Ratification

B. Fiscal, Audit, and Personnel Committee

Anthony Barker, Chair

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V. ADJOURN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

VI. CALL TO ORDER – STATE BOARD MEETING

VII. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

AJ Newton, Vice President of Governmental Relations

VIII. SC ASSOCIATION OF TECHNICAL COLLEGE COMMISSIONERS

Ashley Jaillette, Executive Director

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Hope Rivers, Chair

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- A. Project Budget for State Board Ratification
- B. Board Ratification for retrainSC Projects
- C. Greenville Technical College Capital Project for Approval – Center for Workforce Development
- D. Piedmont Technical College Capital Project for Approval – Technical Innovation Center Land Acquisition



- E. Spartanburg Community College Capital Project for Approval – Industrial Spark Building Acquisition
- F. State Board Financial Summary through the Month Ending April 30, 2025 – Informational Item
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- H. Greenville Technical College – Associate in Applied Science, major in Engineering Fundamentals
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EXECUTIVE BRIEFING SHEET

BOARD MEETING DATE: May 27, 2025

ISSUE: Capital Project – Greenville Technical College

STAFF PRINCIPAL: Randy Johnson

CONTACT: (803) 896-5316

Project Name:

Center for Workforce Development

Project Description:

Greenville Technical College (GTC) requests approval to proceed with site development and construction of a new Workforce Training Center located on the Brashier Campus. This state-of-the-art facility will feature laboratory space for standard welding, simulation, fabrication, MIG welding, and robotics. In addition, it will include classroom and lecture areas, along with dedicated staff and office space. The design is intended to enhance the educational experience and support students pursuing rapid entry into the workforce.

This project was originally included in GTC's Comprehensive Permanent Improvement Plan (CPIP) and received Board approval on July 23, 2024, with an initial estimated cost of \$25,000,000. Since that time, GTC has conducted a feasibility study and obtained more accurate cost projections for the development.

Budget and Funding Sources:

\$5,000,000 – Capital Reserve Fund FY24
\$15,000,000 – Appropriated State FY24
\$7,200,000 – College Plant Fund
\$2,800,000 – Workforce Development Funds (Federal)
\$30,000,000 – Total Budget

Motion:

The Fiscal, Audit, and Personnel Committee recommends approval of the proposed project, subject to other necessary approvals.

EXECUTIVE BRIEFING SHEET

BOARD MEETING DATE: May 27, 2025

ISSUE: Capital Project – Piedmont Technical College

STAFF PRINCIPAL: Randy Johnson

CONTACT: (803) 896-5316

Project Name:

Technical Innovation Center – Land Acquisition

Project Description:

Piedmont Technical College (PTC) seeks approval to proceed with the acceptance of a 23.45-acre land donation from the Piedmont Technical College Foundation. The tract, located in Greenwood County, will serve as the site for the planned Technical Innovation Center - Greenwood County (a project outlined in PTC's Comprehensive Permanent Improvement Plan (CPIP) for Plan Year 2026 and approved by the State Board on July 23, 2024). This future facility is intended to advance student career readiness, bridge workforce skills gaps, support regional economic development, engage underserved and non-traditional populations, promote lifelong learning and upward mobility, and strengthen community connections.

To responsibly evaluate and prepare the site for development, PTC is requesting initial funding of \$20,000 to conduct an environmental assessment, perform land surveying, and complete other necessary investigative activities. These services are essential for identifying any potential ecological concerns, confirming precise property boundaries, and collecting critical information needed for sound planning and decision-making. This proactive approach will help ensure that the donated land is leveraged effectively for the benefit of both the College and the broader community.

This land acquisition was not included in previous CPIP submissions, as the original plan for the Technical Innovation Center - Greenwood County proposed construction on existing College-owned property adjacent to the Upstate Center for Manufacturing Excellence. However, it has since been determined that additional acreage is required to fully support the scope and scale of the planned facility. The donation from the PTC Foundation addresses this need and allows the College to expand its long-term vision for the site.

Budget and Funding Source:

\$20,000.00 – College Funds

Motion:

The Fiscal, Audit, and Personnel Committee recommends approval of the proposed project subject to other necessary approvals.

EXECUTIVE BRIEFING SHEET

BOARD MEETING DATE: May 27, 2025

ISSUE: Capital Project – Spartanburg Community College

STAFF PRINCIPAL: Randy Johnson

CONTACT: (803) 896-5316

Project Name:

Industrial Spark Building Acquisition

Project Description:

Spartanburg Community College (SCC) is evaluating a strategic expansion of its industrial training capacity through the potential acquisition of an existing facility near its Tyger River Campus in Duncan, South Carolina. Currently, the Tyger River Campus includes two buildings: the Tyger River Building/Spark Center and the BMW Center. In response to increasing demand for industrial training and workforce development, SCC has been exploring the construction of a new industrial academic building on the campus. However, due to the rising cost of new construction, the College is now considering more cost-effective alternatives, including the purchase of an existing building in the vicinity.

In February 2025, SCC was informed that a nearby company would be relocating to a larger facility and selling its current building. The available building, encompassing 160,000 square feet, is located less than two miles from the Tyger River Campus. SCC believes that acquiring this facility would enable the consolidation of all its industrial programs into one centralized location. This would significantly alleviate overcrowding on the Giles Campus, which is currently at full capacity thus limiting program expansion. Notably, both the Tyger River Campus and the prospective facility are situated in the heart of Spartanburg County's industrial hub.

At its April 2025 meeting, the SCC Commission authorized the College to proceed with due diligence activities related to the potential acquisition, contingent upon receiving the necessary State approvals. Accordingly, SCC is seeking State Board approval to pursue Phase I land acquisition authority. This approval would permit the College to conduct an environmental Phase I study, obtain an appraisal, and perform a building condition assessment, with total expenditures not to exceed \$20,000.

Should the findings from Phase I support the acquisition, SCC will return to the State Board to seek formal approval before proceeding with the purchase.

Budget and Funding Source:

\$20,000 Professional Services Fees – State Appropriated Capital Project Funds

Motion:

The Fiscal, Audit, and Personnel Committee recommends approval of the proposed project subject to other necessary approvals.

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State Board Financial Summary
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	FY2023-2024 Carry Forward	FY2024-2025 Appropriations	FY2024-2025 Total Funding	Encumbrances	YTD Expenditures	Balance	% Remaining
System Office (Recurring)							
Administration							
President's Office	-	1,504,775	1,504,775	22,749	1,213,889	268,137	18%
State Board	-	25,000	25,000	-	8,871	16,129	65%
Communications and Marketing	-	823,880	823,880	9,470	665,997	148,413	18%
Finance	-	2,010,200	2,010,200	-	1,595,579	414,621	21%
General Administration	-	2,071,317	2,071,317	34,845	263,059	1,773,413	86%
Human Resources	-	1,426,975	1,426,975	-	1,127,953	299,022	21%
Information Technology	-	2,787,486	2,787,486	16,461	2,186,133	584,892	21%
Total Administration	-	10,649,632	10,649,632	83,524	7,061,480	3,504,628	33%
System-Wide Programs and Initiatives							
Academic Affairs	-	1,775,142	1,775,142	-	1,221,421	553,721	31%
Total System-Wide Programs and Initiatives	-	1,775,142	1,775,142	-	1,221,421	553,721	31%
Economic and Workforce Development							
readySC™ Administration	-	1,011,359	1,011,359	-	657,579	353,780	35%
Apprenticeship Carolina™	-	1,328,169	1,328,169	-	1,024,332	303,837	23%
readySC™ Training Program	-	7,239,253	7,239,253	11,848	6,491,217	736,188	10%
Total Economic and Workforce Development	-	9,578,781	9,578,781	11,848	8,173,127	1,393,805	15%
Total System Office	-	22,003,555	22,003,555	95,372	16,456,028	5,452,155	25%
Technical Colleges							
Instructional Programs							
Salaries - Lump Sum	-	150,922,733	150,922,733	-	150,922,733	-	0%
Fringe Benefits - Lump Sum	-	51,543,777	51,543,777	-	51,543,777	-	0%
Other Operating	-	14,253,139	14,253,139	-	14,253,139	-	0%
Priority Initiative	-	237,557	237,557	-	-	237,557	100%
	-	216,957,206	216,957,206	-	216,719,649	237,557	0%

	FY2023-2024 Carry Forward	FY2024-2025 Appropriations	FY2024-2025 Total Funding	Encumbrances	YTD Expenditures	Balance	% Remaining
Special Line Items - Recurring							
Critical Needs Workforce - STEM Programs	-	2,500,000	2,500,000	-	2,500,000	-	0%
Workforce Scholarships and Grants	-	2,642,000	2,642,000	-	2,642,000	-	0%
OCTC Truck Driving Certificate Program	-	73,129	73,129	-	73,129	-	0%
WTC Promise Scholarship Pilot Program	-	300,000	300,000	-	300,000	-	0%
TCL Military Workforce Initiative	-	500,000	500,000	-	500,000	-	0%
SCC Cherokee Expansion	-	1,506,816	1,506,816	-	1,506,816	-	0%
MTC Nursing Program	-	370,943	370,943	-	370,943	-	0%
FDTC SIMT	-	906,817	906,817	-	906,817	-	0%
FDTC Operations	-	302,271	302,271	-	302,271	-	0%
TTC Culinary Arts	-	468,522	468,522	-	468,522	-	0%
Critical Needs Nursing Initiative	-	322,512	322,512	-	322,512	-	0%
Pathways to Prosperity	-	604,545	604,545	-	604,545	-	0%
	-	10,497,555	10,497,555	-	10,497,555	-	0%
Special Line Items - Non-Recurring							
Special Project Funds	-	4,745,141	4,745,141	646,297	839,716	3,259,128	69%
FY22 Maintenance, Renovation, Repair* (FY22 Proviso 118.18)	-	26,758,241	26,758,241	-	9,179,112	17,579,129	66%
ATC Life Science Building*	-	650,000	650,000	-	650,000	-	0%
YTC Health and Services Building*	-	787,820	787,820	-	112,180	675,640	86%
YTC Western York Campus*	-	100,000	100,000	-	-	100,000	100%
HGTC Diesel Training Lab (FY22 Proviso 118.18)*	-	500,000	500,000	-	-	500,000	100%
SCC Union Campus (FY22 Proviso 118.18)*	-	4,800,000	4,800,000	-	-	4,800,000	100%
YTC College Student Center	-	5,860,049	5,860,049	-	-	5,860,049	100%
	-	44,201,251	44,201,251	646,297	10,781,008	32,773,946	74%
* To be moved to projects as they are established	-						
	-	293,659,567	293,659,567	741,669	254,454,240	38,463,658	
Technical Colleges - Special Line Items - Non Recurring (Surplus)							
OCTC - Advanced Manufacturing (FY23 Proviso 118.19)*	-	8,000,000	8,000,000	-	-	8,000,000	100%
YTC - Baxter Hood Center (FY23 Proviso 118.19)*	-	28,000,000	28,000,000	-	-	28,000,000	100%
TCTC - Transportation Logistics & Utility (FY23 Proviso 118.19)*	-	5,535,000	5,535,000	-	-	5,535,000	100%
SCC - Cherokee Campus (FY23 Proviso 118.19)*	-	20,000,000	20,000,000	-	300,000	19,700,000	99%
Deferred Maintenance (FY23 Proviso 118.19)*	-	86,854,710	86,854,710	-	19,343,388	67,511,322	78%
	-	148,389,710	148,389,710	-	19,643,388	128,746,322	87%

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Technical Colleges - Special Line Items							
TCL - Workforce (FY24 Proviso 118.19)	-	10,000,000	10,000,000	-	-	10,000,000	100%
CCTC - Lee County (FY24 Proviso 118.19)	-	5,000,000	5,000,000	-	-	5,000,000	100%
CCTC - Sumter County (FY24 Proviso 118.19)	-	9,305,569	9,305,569	-	-	9,305,569	100%
FDTC - CONSTRUCTION & INDUSTRIAL (FY24 Proviso 118.19)	-	10,000,000	10,000,000	-	150,000	9,850,000	99%
GTC - WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (FY24 Proviso 118.19)	-	14,625,000	14,625,000	-	-	14,625,000	100%
HGTC - Marine Technology Center (FY24 Proviso 118.19)	-	4,000,000	4,000,000	-	4,000,000	-	0%
NETC - Cheraw Campus (FY24 Proviso 118.19)	-	4,000,000	4,000,000	-	-	4,000,000	100%
PTC - SALUDA CENTER & NEW CAMPUS (FY24 Proviso 118.19)	-	14,382,500	14,382,500	-	14,382,500	-	0%
SCC - Spark Center (FY24 Proviso 118.19)	-	12,000,000	12,000,000	-	3,242,735	8,757,265	73%
SCC - Spark Center (FY24 Proviso 118.19)	-	25,000,000	25,000,000	-	-	25,000,000	100%
WTC - Renovation Building Nursing Program (FY24 Proviso 118.19)	-	11,000,000	11,000,000	-	-	11,000,000	100%
CCTC - Kershaw Campus (FY24 Proviso 118.19)	-	10,000,000	10,000,000	-	-	10,000,000	100%
Deferred Maintenance (FY24 Proviso 118.19)*	-	6,235,425	6,235,425	-	6,235,424	-	0%
	-	135,548,494	135,548,494	-	28,010,659	107,537,834	79%
MTC - Quickjobs & Dual Enrollment (FY25 Proviso 118.20)	-	5,000,000	5,000,000	-	5,000,000	-	0%
CCTC - Sumter County (FY25 Proviso 118.20)	-	7,700,000	7,700,000	-	-	7,700,000	100%
FDTC - Industrial Complex (FY25 Proviso 118.20)	-	7,800,000	7,800,000	-	-	7,800,000	100%
SCC - Spark Center (FY25 Proviso 118.20)	-	10,000,000	10,000,000	-	-	10,000,000	100%
FDTC - Darlington Campus (FY25 Proviso 118.20)	-	7,800,000	7,800,000	-	-	7,800,000	100%
HGTC - Health Professions Training Complex (FY25 Proviso 118.20)	-	5,000,000	5,000,000	-	5,000,000	-	0%
PTC - Edgefield Campus (FY25 Proviso 118.20)	-	5,000,000	5,000,000	-	-	5,000,000	100%
CCTC - Kershaw Campus (FY25 Proviso 118.20)	-	10,000,000	10,000,000	-	-	10,000,000	100%
YTC - EV Training Equipment (FY25 Proviso 118.20)	-	1,250,000	1,250,000	-	1,250,000	-	0%
Deferred Maintenance (FY25 Proviso 118.20)*	-	23,786,656	23,786,656	-	3,908,715	19,877,941	84%
*To be moved to projects as they are established	-	83,336,656	83,336,656	-	15,158,715	68,177,941	82%
	-	660,934,426	660,934,426	741,669	317,267,002	342,925,755	

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	Carry Forward	Appropriations	Total Funding	Encumbrances	YTD Expenditures	Balance	Remaining
Capital Reserve Funds - Non-Recurring							
readySC™ Training	3,741,959	-	3,741,959	59,264	103,605	3,579,090	96%
TTC Workforce Training	5,000,000	-	5,000,000	-	5,000,000	-	0%
	<u>8,741,959</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,741,959</u>	<u>59,264</u>	<u>5,103,605</u>	<u>3,579,090</u>	<u>41%</u>
	FY2023-2024	FY2024-2025	FY2024-2025				%
	Carry Forward	Appropriations	Total Funding	Encumbrances	YTD Expenditures	Balance	Remaining
Lottery							
readySC™ Training	-	15,518,442	15,518,442	1,832,183	9,888,013	3,798,246	24%
Lottery Technology Funds (System Office)	-	999,340	999,340	10,575	133,075	855,690	86%
Lottery Tuition Assistance	-	45,975,256	45,975,256	-	28,257,553	17,717,703	39%
Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities Pilot Program	-	700,000	700,000	-	700,000	-	0%
SCWINS	-	94,000,000	94,000,000	-	51,434,446	42,565,554	45%
High Demand Job Skills Training Equipment	-	25,000,000	25,000,000	-	25,000,000	-	0%
Apprenticeship Carolina Youth & Small Business	-	3,451,726	3,451,726	-	453,206	2,998,520	87%
	<u>-</u>	<u>185,644,765</u>	<u>185,644,765</u>	<u>1,842,758</u>	<u>115,866,294</u>	<u>67,935,713</u>	<u>37%</u>
Special Revenue							
Motorcycle Safety Program Funds	<u>67,995</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>67,995</u>	<u>875</u>	<u>16,170</u>	<u>50,950</u>	<u>75%</u>

Grant Programs and Funding	Original Grant Award	Grant Modifications	Total Grant Award	Prior Year(s) Expenditures	FY25 Expenditures	Remaining Balance	
SAEF (07/01/2023-06/30/2024)	1,398,641	-	1,398,641	286,672	484,696	627,273	45%
Jobs for America's Graduates (07/01/2023-06/30/2025)	3,000,000	305,002	3,305,002	-	970,618	2,334,384	71%
Emergency Relief - Adult Ed (01/01/2022-09/30/2024)	3,500,000	-	3,500,000	2,845,513	654,487	-	0%
Emergency Relief - Dual Enrollment (07/01/2022-09/30/2024)	5,000,000	-	5,000,000	4,550,908	449,092	-	0%
Emergency Relief - K-12 (01/01/2022-09/30/2024)	8,000,000	-	8,000,000	5,206,240	2,793,760	-	0%
Perkins FY24 (07/01/2023-09/30/2024)	225,000	-	225,000	125,922	63,767	35,311	16%
SAE 2020 Tier 1 (07/01/2020-06/30/2024)	450,000	-	450,000	428,385	-	21,615	5%
SAE 2020 Tier 2 (07/01/2020-06/30/2024)	6,541,000	-	6,541,000	5,829,847	260,810	450,343	7%
SAEEI (07/01/2021-06/30/2025)	7,710,000	-	7,710,000	3,191,611	2,294,167	2,224,222	29%
Youth Apprenticeship Grant (07/01/2020-06/30/2024)	4,499,999	-	4,499,999	3,418,918	181,629	899,452	20%
Perkins Leadership Grant FY24 (07/01/2023-9/30/2024)	75,000	-	75,000	34,588	38,371	2,041	3%
Perkins Grant FY25 (07/01/2024-09/30/2025)	225,000	-	225,000	-	79,049	165,019	73%
Jobs for America's Graduates (05/16/2022-09/30/2024)	1,349,800	641,135	1,990,934	1,593,122	397,813	-	0%
Perkins Leadership Grant FY25 (07/01/2024-09/30/2025)	125,000	-	125,000	-	2,025	122,975	98%
SAEF Competitive (07/01/2024-06/30/2027)	6,000,000	-	6,000,000	-	703,462	5,296,538	88%
Rutgers (06/01/2023-09/15/2024)	20,000	-	20,000	-	-	20,000	100%
NEXUS (10/01/2024-09/30/2029)	12,637,190	-	12,637,190	-	54,946	12,582,244	100%
Advance CTE (10/05/2023-04/30/2025)	40,000	-	40,000	10,126	-	29,874	75%
Workforce Scholarship for the Future P3 (08/16/2022-09/30/2024)	23,496,984	1,208,961	24,705,945	20,586,282	4,119,662	-	0%
Jobs for the Future (10/01/2021-06/30/2023)	103,824	(49,678)	54,146	47,200	2,151	4,795	9%
	<u>84,397,438</u>	<u>2,105,419</u>	<u>86,502,857</u>	<u>48,155,333</u>	<u>13,550,504</u>	<u>24,651,069</u>	
	<u>93,207,391</u>	<u>187,750,184</u>	<u>280,957,575</u>	<u>50,058,230</u>	<u>134,536,574</u>	<u>96,216,821</u>	

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	FY2023-2024 Carry Forward	Project Budget	Current Year Project Budget	YTD Expenditures Includes all sources	Balance	% Remaining
Colleges - Capital Projects						
TTC - Aeronautical Training Center	-	194,749	194,749	-	194,749	100%
MTC - Center for Quick jobs Training	-	2,474,041	2,474,041	2,310,214	163,827	7%
TCL - Culinary Arts Center	-	11,053,000	11,053,000	-	11,053,000	100%
GTC - Building 802 Roof Replacement & Air Conditioning	-	5,932,013	5,932,013	255,200	5,676,813	96%
FDTC - Central Energy Plant Upgrades	-	966,100	966,100	599,983	366,117	38%
FDTC - Health Science Façade Restoration and Rod Replacement	-	857,782	857,782	17,260	840,522	98%
FDTC - 400 Building Renovations	-	951,673	951,673	466,971	484,702	51%
FDTC - 5000 Building Walkway Bridge Repair & Renovation	-	87,497	87,497	47,594	39,903	46%
FDTC - Life Safety	-	619,721	619,721	168,183	451,538	73%
MTC - Airport Learning Resource Center	-	37,500	37,500	-	37,500	100%
NTC - Marlboro Campus Renovations	-	5,510,498	5,510,498	-	5,510,498	100%
OCTC - Health Science Building Mechanical/Electrical Upgrades	-	3,927,310	3,927,310	-	3,927,310	100%
GTC - Arts and Sciences Building	-	60,390,249	60,390,249	-	60,390,249	100%
TCL - Advancement of Health & Student Services Renovation	-	406	406	-	406	100%
YTC - Building H Renovation	-	6,992,688	6,992,688	36,980	6,955,708	99%
MTC - Springdale Hall Renovation	-	11,914	11,914	3,397	8,517	71%
CCTC - Main Campus - Academic/Student Services Building	-	32,373,838	32,373,838	21,726,999	10,646,839	33%
CCTC - F.E. Dubose Campus HVAC Updates/Replacement	-	162,627	162,627	58,421	104,206	64%
CCTC - Main Campus - HVAC Updates/Replacements	-	600,544	600,544	27,598	572,947	95%
TCTC - Pendleton Campus Oconee Hall Renovation	-	11,011,796	11,011,796	10,531,897	479,899	4%
HGTC - Georgetown Campus Resurfacing of Driveways & Parking Areas	-	205,951	205,951	-	205,951	100%
HGTC - Resurfacing Conway Campus	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
TCL - Buildings 14, 15, & 16 Roof Replacement - Beaufort Campus	-	14,721	14,721	-	14,721	100%
TCTC - Erosion Mitigation/Site Storm Water Improvements	-	506,848	506,848	60,422	446,426	88%
TCTC - Pendleton & Anderson Campus Maintenance and Renovation	-	928,573	928,573	132,835	795,738	86%
CCTC - Kershaw Century Boulevard Landscape Improvement	-	500,000	500,000	-	500,000	100%
PTC - Health & Sciences Building Renovation and Expansion	-	15,724,817	15,724,817	12,447	15,712,369	100%
SCC - Tyger River Buildings 87 & 89 Warehouse Reroofing	-	635,167	635,167	635,167	-	0%
ATC - HVAC Replacement	-	522,122	522,122	380,577	141,546	27%
MTC - Deferred Maintenance, Electrical Repairs	-	397,725	397,725	81,474	316,251	80%
MTC - Deferred Maintenance, General Alterations	-	1,250,506	1,250,506	-	1,250,506	100%
MTC - Deferred Maintenance, Parking Lot and Road Repairs	-	1,998,898	1,998,898	27,375	1,971,523	99%
SCC - HVAC Projects	-	21,997	21,997	21,997	-	0%
WTC - Infrastructure Upgrades	-	1,046,995	1,046,995	-	1,046,995	100%
HGTC - Upgrade & Replace HVAC Units on Conway Building 1100	-	668,875	668,875	-	668,875	100%
HGTC - Upgrade & Replace HVAC Units on Georgetown Building 100	-	369,919	369,919	-	369,919	100%
HGTC - Upgrade & Replace Multiple HVAC Units Conway Campus	-	99,966	99,966	67,488	32,478	32%
HGTC - Upgrade & Replace Multiple HVAC Units Grand Strand	-	600,772	600,772	202,914	397,858	66%
NTC - Cheraw Campus Boiler & Chiller Upgrades	-	2,500,000	2,500,000	753,596	1,746,404	70%
HGTC - Repair & Renovate Conway Building 1000 Elevator	-	1,981	1,981	-	1,981	100%
HGTC - Repair & Renovate Georgetown Building 1000 Elevator	-	2,432	2,432	-	2,432	100%
CCTC - Colonial Arts Center	-	995,000	995,000	292,029	702,971	71%
HGTC - Renovation & Expansion of Grand Strand Bldg. 100	-	15,000,000	15,000,000	11,260,777	3,739,223	25%
NTC - Cheraw Campus Schaeffler Manufacturing	-	7,683,156	7,683,156	-	7,683,156	100%
TTC - Berkeley Campus Renovation - Transportation & Logistics	-	36,524,301	36,524,301	-	36,524,301	100%
ATC - Campus Signage Update	-	606,385	606,385	300,203	306,182	50%
HGTC - Repair & Replace Roofing System Georgetown Campus	-	4,200,950	4,200,950	928,437	3,272,513	78%
HGTC - Repair & Replace Roofing System Georgetown Campus	-	589,050	589,050	353,081	235,969	40%
HGTC - Repair & Replace Roofing System Grand Strand Campus	-	1,000,000	1,000,000	628,903	371,097	37%
YTC - Dental Clinic Renovations, Building A	-	249,807	249,807	105,534	144,274	58%

	FY2023-2024 Carry Forward	Project Budget	Current Year Project Budget	YTD Expenditures Includes all sources	Balance	% Remaining
CCTC - Main Campus Roof Replacements	-	1,462,650	1,462,650	723,874	738,776	51%
CCTC - Main Campus hvac updates/replacements	-	529,614	529,614	47,793	481,821	91%
ATC - Small Deferred Maintenance Projects	-	1,620,438	1,620,438	48,449	1,571,989	97%
TCTC - Building Interior Upgrades	-	1,500,000	1,500,000	-	1,500,000	100%
DTC - Campus Bathroom Renovations	-	562,052	562,052	66,392	495,660	88%
FDTC - Darlington County Campus	-	300,000	300,000	135,000	165,000	55%
OCTC - Renovations to Building S Commons	-	252,803	252,803	252,803	-	0%
SCTCS - Envision Training Center	-	16,584,380	16,584,380	12,281,583	2,593,195	16%
TCTC - Building Infrastructure Upgrades	-	3,939,792	3,939,792	259,967	3,679,825	93%
TCTC - Building Interior Upgrades	-	2,534,782	2,534,782	51,925	2,482,858	98%
TCTC - Critical Parking Repairs and Parking	-	4,384,334	4,384,334	249,070	4,135,264	94%
TCTC - Roof Replacements - Miller Hall & IBDC Pendleton Campus Phase I	-	15,000	15,000	-	15,000	100%
GTC - Building 103 Roof Replacement	-	1,587,877	1,587,877	1,451,836	136,041	9%
ATC - Nursing Building Construction	-	24,092,351	24,092,351	332,238	23,760,113	99%
ATC - 700 Building Renovations	-	4,192,441	4,192,441	564,714	3,627,727	87%
GTC - Building 103, Area 500, Barton Campus	-	3,022,591	3,022,591	1,753,340	1,269,250	42%
GTC - Building 103 Roof Replacement	-	2,081,311	2,081,311	2,081,311	-	0%
FDTC - Elevator Modernization Health Science Campus	-	885,041	885,041	265,000	620,041	70%
HGTC - Construction of GT Workforce Training Center	-	15,437,125	15,437,125	-	15,437,125	100%
CCTC - F.E. Dubose Parking Lot	-	1,471,070	1,471,070	28,540	1,442,530	98%
DTC - Building 30 Auditorium	-	446,308	446,308	293,341	152,968	34%
DTC - Campus Roof Replacements	-	1,025,000	1,025,000	508,044	516,956	50%
GTC - Deferred Maint Finishes, Flooring and Abatement of Asbestos	-	378,010	378,010	203,466	174,544	46%
GTC - Deferred Maint Led Lighting Upfit/Replacement Project	-	2,477,689	2,477,689	341,435	2,136,254	86%
SCTCS - Scout Motors Training Center	-	15,871,326	15,871,326	4,288,057	128,355	1%
ATC - Nursing Building Construction	-	191,322	191,322	2,564	188,758	99%
DTC - William McDuffie Student Services Center Front Entrance/Lobby Upgrade	-	909,225	909,225	359,463	549,762	60%
TCTC - Pendleton Campus Pickens Hall Renovations	-	26,000,000	26,000,000	-	26,000,000	100%
FDTC - SIMT Operable Partitions Replacement	-	2,200,000	2,200,000	1,167,668	1,032,332	47%
ATC - Media Center	-	752,623	752,623	752,623	-	0%
CCTC - Building 900 HVAC	-	151,492	151,492	151,492	-	0%
PTC - Land - Edgefield Center for Manufacturing Excellence	-	20,000	20,000	-	20,000	100%
PTC - Family Life and Conference Center	-	23,700,000	23,700,000	-	23,700,000	100%
SCC - P Dan Hull Building	-	1,566,980	1,566,980	1,566,980	-	0%
GTC - Air Cooled Chiller	-	535,118	535,118	488,463	46,655	9%
OCTC - HVAC Chilled Water System Upgrade	-	1,213,025	1,213,025	-	1,213,025	100%
DTC - Rhoad Hall	-	1,349,624	1,349,624	174,658	1,174,966	87%
GTC - Gateway Pedestrian Bridge	-	1,800,000	1,800,000	1,659,231	140,769	8%
TCTC - Pendleton Land Acquisition	-	213,342	213,342	213,342	-	0%
GTC - Brashier & Benson Chiller	-	800,212	800,212	10,715	789,498	99%
GTC - Barton Campus & McKinney Automotive Campus	-	1,200,000	1,200,000	16,209	1,183,791	99%
GTC - Benson Campus Pavement	-	1,275,000	1,275,000	37,288	1,237,712	97%
GTC - Engineering Technology	-	1,046,237	1,046,237	571,076	475,162	45%
GTC - University Center Bldg. Cooling Tower Rehab & Barton Bldg.	-	700,000	700,000	-	700,000	100%
GTC - Engineering Technology	-	2,503,931	2,503,931	416,789	2,087,142	83%
SCC - Floor Renovation	-	2,600,000	2,600,000	117,975	2,482,025	95%
TCTC - Industrial Technology Center	-	596,426	596,426	359,859	236,567	40%
TCTC - Pendleton Campus	-	2,500,000	2,500,000	-	2,500,000	100%
TCTC - Pendleton Refurbishments	-	4,464,295	4,464,295	1,068,235	3,396,060	76%
DTC - HVAC System	-	1,669,942	1,669,942	351,593	1,318,349	79%
GTC - Barton CEP Bldg. 116	-	1,450,000	1,450,000	78,302	1,371,698	95%
YTC - ETV Mechanical & Electrical Upgrades	-	750,000	750,000	-	750,000	100%
GTC - Health Sciences Center	-	879,365	879,365	879,365	-	0%
GTC - ARC Bldg. Roof Replacement	-	2,654,800	2,654,800	-	2,654,800	100%
SCC - BMW Tyger River	-	339,871	339,871	339,871	-	0%

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SCC - Cherokee Campus	-	300,000	300,000	-	300,000	100%
SCC - Health Science Fire Sprinkler	-	240,000	240,000	133,516	106,484	44%
FDTC - Exterior Signage & Satellite Campuses	-	600,000	600,000	23,288	576,712	96%
PTC - Saluda Center for Manufacturing Excellence	-	14,382,500	14,382,500	213,170	14,169,330	99%
YTC - Renovate K Building	-	224,360	224,360	-	224,360	100%
SCC - Cherokee Campus Hamricks Land Acq	-	1,371,407	1,371,407	17,150	1,354,257	99%
SCC - Cherokee Campus Smith Land Acq	-	620,000	620,000	596,439	23,561	4%
SCC - Cherokee Walker Land Acquisition	-	620,000	620,000	5,900	614,100	99%
GTC - Barton Campus Criminal Justice/Stat Center	-	374,194	374,194	374,194	-	0%
FDTC - Marion County Campus Feasibility Study	-	150,000	150,000	120,000	30,000	20%
GTC - Center for Workforce Development	-	375,000	375,000	-	375,000	100%
TCTC - Tri County Technical College	-	465,000	465,000	-	465,000	100%
ATC - Small Deferred Maintenance Projects	-	47,357	47,357	47,357	-	0%
MTC - RSC Building Purchase	-	5,001,000	5,001,000	5,001,000	-	0%
GTC - Bldg 402 Roof Replacement	-	897,377	897,377	-	897,377	100%
SCC - Tyger River HVAC & Boiler Replacements	-	3,394,950	3,394,950	-	3,394,950	100%
TCL - HVAC Replacement Bldgs 1,3,4	-	771,022	771,022	-	771,022	100%
CCTC - Broad Street Property Acquisition	-	20,000	20,000	-	20,000	100%
GTC - Multi Boiler Replacement	-	1,148,334	1,148,334	708,446	439,888	38%
HGTC - Acquisition of Real Property - Land/Building-Conway	-	9,342,850	9,342,850	9,342,850	-	0%
TCTC - Workforce Training Center Acquisition	-	30,000	30,000	-	30,000	100%
SCC - Cherokee Campus E Blanton Land Acquisition	-	281,000	281,000	8,400	272,600	97%
SCC - Mahaffey Land Acquisition	-	184,500	184,500	5,400	179,100	97%
TCL - Building 3 Renovation	-	158,671	158,671	-	158,671	100%
TCL - Roof Replacement Buildings 10 & 16	-	1,545,280	1,545,280	-	1,545,280	100%
YTC - Capital Renewal Mechanical Projects	-	2,495,000	2,495,000	-	2,495,000	100%
SCTCS - Scout Motors Training Center Up-Fit	-	4,802,959	4,802,959	18,250	4,401,562	92%
FDTC - Construction & Industrial Trades Training Facility	-	150,000	150,000	-	150,000	100%
SCC - Cherokee Academic Building Construction	-	300,000	300,000	-	300,000	100%
MTC - CE Building Renovation - Harbison Campus	-	650,000	650,000	-	650,000	100%
SCTCS - Land Acquisition for AESC	-	20,000	20,000	-	20,000	100%
PTC - Library and Student Engage Center	-	109,500	109,500	5,736	103,764	95%
TCTC - Anderson Campus Bldg & Land Acquis	-	20,000	20,000	-	20,000	100%
WTC - Land and Building Acquisition	-	20,000	20,000	-	20,000	100%
FDTC - SIMT-RTU-26 Replacement	-	93,453	93,453	-	93,453	100%
GTC - Benson Campus Buildings 301 & 302 Window Replacement	-	869,299	869,299	-	869,299	100%
MTC - Presidents Suite Renovation - Beltline Campus	-	800,000	800,000	-	800,000	100%
ATC - Building C Rood Replacement	-	12,500	12,500	-	12,500	100%
CCTC - M300-R Building Renovation	-	1,397,735	1,397,735	33,085	1,364,650	98%
CCTC - M500 HVAC Renovation	-	1,387,220	1,387,220	25,909	1,361,311	98%
FDTC - 7000 Building AHU 9 and 10 Replacement	-	1,595,225	1,595,225	-	1,595,225	100%
CCTC - Lighting Upgrade	-	734,008	734,008	26,100	707,908	96%
NETC - Cheraw Campus 100 & 500 Building Flooring	-	850,797	850,797	-	850,797	100%
MTC - CDL Facility - Airport Campus	-	48,977	48,977	-	48,977	100%
CCTC - Security Cameras Upgrade	-	913,983	913,983	-	913,983	100%
MTC - VPBA Renovation - Airport Campus	-	700,000	700,000	-	700,000	100%
TTC - B630 Biology Lab Renovation	-	2,100,000	2,100,000	-	2,100,000	100%
TTC - Thornley Campus Building 200 Roof Replacement	-	30,000	30,000	-	30,000	100%
GTC - Center for Manufacturing Innovation Chiller Replacement	-	912,000	912,000	-	912,000	100%
SCC - Health Science Building Reroof Project	-	4,500	4,500	-	4,500	100%
YTC - Chiller Replacement - Building C	-	1,950,000	1,950,000	-	1,950,000	100%
		497,201,636	497,201,636	106,214,079	377,439,892	

STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION
EXECUTIVE BRIEFING SHEET
(INFORMATION ITEM)

BOARD MEETING DATE: 05/27/2025

ISSUES: Permanent Improvement Projects

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Permanent Improvement Projects Approved by Staff March 15, 2025 - May 14, 2025						
Date Approved	Project #	Institution	Project Name	Action Category	Budget Request/Change	Overall/Revised Budget
3/18/2025		York Technical College	Building C Chiller Replacement	Establish Project - M,R,R Funds		\$1,950,000.00
3/18/2025		Spartanburg Community College	Health Sciences Building Roof Replacement	Establish Project - M,R,R Funds	\$4,500.00	\$984,500.00
3/18/2025		Greenville Technical College	Chiller Replacement	Establish Project - M,R,R Funds	\$912,000.00	\$912,000.00
3/19/2025		Spartanburg Community College	Powers A-Wing HVAC	Establish Project - M,R,R Funds	\$378,000.00	\$3,028,028.00
5/12/2025		Florence-Darlington Technical College	7000 Building Roof Replacement	Establish Project - M,R,R Funds	\$40,000.00 Phase I	\$937,000.00
5/12/2025		Greenville Technical College	Brashier Middlge College Bldg. 203 HVAC Replacement	Establish Project - M,R,R Funds		\$3,055,864.69
5/12/2025	6164	Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College	Health Science Building Mechanical/Electrical Upgrades	Increase Budget/Revise Scope - CPIP Project	\$547,780.00	\$7,947,780.00

**State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education
New Program Proposal Summary**

College: Greenville Technical College	Effective Term: Spring 2026
Degree: Associate in Applied Science	Major: Engineering Fundamentals
Date of Local Area Commission Approval: November 20, 2024	
<p>Employment for which graduates will be prepared:</p> <p>Greenville Technical College (GTC) seeks to offer an Associate in Applied Science (AAS) with a major in Engineering Fundamentals. The proposed AAS in Engineering Fundamentals will provide a transfer pathway for individuals who want to become engineers. The proposed program will provide students with a rigorous academic foundation equivalent to the first two years of a bachelor's degree in engineering disciplines in preparation for their successful transfer into higher-level engineering studies.</p> <p>GTC has letters of support from Clemson University and The Citadel.</p>	
<p>Needs Survey Results (<i>projected full- and part-time employment for three years</i>):</p> <p>Nationally, the need for engineers of various specializations ranges from four percent to eight percent through 2032. Upstate South Carolina is a vibrant industrial region with several major employers that rely heavily on engineering expertise. These companies span sectors, including automotive manufacturing, renewable energy, and advanced manufacturing. The economic outlook for upstate South Carolina is promising, with projected annual growth in industrial activity of 5% through 2028, according to the South Carolina Department of Commerce. This outlook aligns with broader trends, including an 11-22% growth in engineering occupations in the state and a 7% national increase from 2021 to 2031.</p> <p>According to JobsEQ, there are 327 projected annual engineering job openings in Greenville County. Entry level salaries range from \$74,000 to \$86,000 annually.</p>	
<p>Related Programs at College:</p> <p>The proposed program will serve as a complement to existing programs.</p> <p>The program will be housed at the Barton campus and the Center for Manufacturing Innovation (CMI).</p>	
<p>Status of this program at other Technical Colleges (<i>status, enrollment, graduates, and placement</i>):</p> <p>The AAS in Engineering Fundamentals is offered at one college within the SC Technical College System: Midlands Technical College. This program is in good standing according to annual program evaluation productivity data.</p>	

Program accreditation requirements and status of college request for accreditation:

The College has no plans to pursue accreditation in the immediate future. There are no accreditation/licensure requirements for program graduates.

Summary of curriculum requirements by credit hour (include total):

Total required credit hours: 74-75 depending on the engineering concentration

- 28-33 semester credit hours – EGR (Engineering) and ECE (Computer Engineering Technology)
- 28-32 semester credit hours – Mathematics and sciences
- 15-18 semester credit hours – English, humanities, and social science including one REACH Act course (PSC 201 or HIS 201)

Projected enrollment and graduates (annual):

Projected first-year enrollment is 125 students. The estimated attrition rate is 44 percent based on similar programs. Possible causes of attrition are program rigor, program changes, and personal reasons. The College has several student support services in place including academic support, Tutoring, Center for Student Advocacy, counseling, disability support, center for Collegiate Recovery, Veterans Financial Services, and the STAR program for basic needs.

The College anticipates 70 graduates annually.

Major costs:

New Hires	Total Allocation: \$0 (over 3 years) Existing program administration and faculty are sufficient to support the implementation of the proposed program.
Equipment	Total Allocation: \$0 (over 3 years) The College does not anticipate the need for new instructional equipment to support the implementation of the proposed program.
Materials/Supplies	Total Allocation: \$0 (over 3 years) The College does not anticipate the need to purchase new materials or supplies to support the implementation of the proposed program.

Other	Total Allocation: \$0 (over 3 years) The College does not anticipate any additional costs to support the implementation of the proposed program.		
Program is self-supporting the:			
First Year	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Revenue shortfall: N/A Total shortfall = \$0
Second Year	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Revenue shortfall: N/A Total shortfall = \$0
Third Year	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Revenue shortfall: N/A Total shortfall = \$0
The College anticipates tuition and program-specific fees will be sufficient to sustain the program for the first three years of implementation.			
Staff recommendation: The State Board staff recommends that Greenville Technical College be approved to offer the Associate in Applied Science with a major in Engineering Fundamentals in Spring 2026, if funds are available.			

College: Greenville Technical College		Effective Term: Spring 2026		
Degree: Associate in Applied Science		Major: Engineering Fundamentals		
COSTS TO THE INSTITUTION AND SOURCES OF FINANCING				
Estimated Costs by Year				
CATEGORY	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	TOTALS
Program Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Faculty Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Graduate Assistants	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Clerical/Support Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies and Materials	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Library Resources	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Facilities	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (n/a)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTALS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sources of Financing by Year				
CATEGORY	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	TOTALS
Estimated FTE Revenue Generated from the State	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Tuition Funding (New students only)	\$2,288,000	\$2,756,000	\$3,224,000	\$8,268,000
Other State Funding	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Reallocation of Existing Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funding	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Funding (Endowment, Auxiliary etc.)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTALS	\$2,288,000	\$2,756,000	\$3,224,000	\$8,268,000

**State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education
New Program Proposal Summary**

College: Midlands Technical College	Effective Term: Spring 2026
Degree: Associate in Applied Science	Major: General Engineering Technology
Date of Local Area Commission Approval: February 19, 2025	
<p>Employment for which graduates will be prepared:</p> <p>Midlands Technical College (MTC) seeks to offer an Associate in Applied Science (AAS) with a major in General Engineering Technology. The proposed program serves students' needs for a broad foundation in engineering technology for a wide variety of career opportunities. Graduates will be equipped with the skills to apply engineering principles, solve real-world problems, and collaborate in civil, mechanical, electronic, and electric vehicle engineering fields.</p>	
<p>Needs Survey Results <i>(projected full- and part-time employment for three years):</i></p> <p>Nationally, jobs in the Engineering Technologists and Technicians field are projected to grow at an average rate of approximately 3% over the next decade, with an expected 9,500 job openings per year. South Carolina is expected to experience a 10% increase in employment opportunities over the next decade, with approximately 220 projected job openings annually.</p> <p>To demonstrate demand in the college's local service area, MTC conducted an employment needs survey with 13 local industry partners with five employers responding. The employment needs survey results indicate 170 full-time positions over the next three years in the college's service area. Salaries for these positions range from \$40,000 to \$50,000. Three employers reported providing tuition assistance for employees.</p>	
<p>Related Programs at College:</p> <p>The proposed AAS in General Engineering Technology with concentrations in Electrical, Mechanical, Civil, and Electric Vehicle Engineering will replace individual associate degrees currently offered in Electronics Engineering Technology, Mechanical Engineering Technology, and Civil Engineering Technology. Students in those programs will be allowed to complete their degrees before the programs are closed. Students will gain the same skills in this new degree model. The proposed AAS in General Engineering Technology is a restructuring to simplify student progression. No other effects on other programs are expected.</p> <p>This program would be housed in the Engineering Technologies Department on the Northeast Campus of Midlands Technical College.</p>	

Status of this program at other Technical Colleges (*status, enrollment, graduates, and placement*):

The AAS in General Engineering Technology is offered at two colleges within the SC Technical College System: Horry-Georgetown Technical College and York Technical College. Both programs are in good standing according to annual program evaluation productivity data.

Program accreditation requirements and status of college request for accreditation:

The department will seek accreditation through ABET (Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology) beginning in 2026.

Summary of curriculum requirements by credit hour (*include total*):

Total required credit hours: 64-68, depending on the concentration

- 28-32 semester credit hours total from engineering electives to fulfill pathway requirements
- 10 semester credit hours of EGR (Engineering Technology)
- 9 semester credit hours total – 3 semester credit hours each in English, social and behavioral sciences, and fine arts
- 5 semester credit hours in Mathematics
- 4 semester credit hours for CHM (Chemistry) or PHY (Physics)
- 4 semester credit hours of EET (Electronics Engineering Technology)
- 3 semester credit hours of EGT (Engineering Graphics Technology)
- 1 semester credit hour of COL (College Orientation)

Projected enrollment and graduates (*annual*):

Projected first-year enrollment is 115 students, of which 100 will be new to the institution and 15 will transfer from other programs. The estimated attrition rate is 30 percent based on current attrition in similar programs at the college. Possible causes of attrition are curriculum requirements, financial constraints, and personal obligations. The College has several student support resources in place including an academic and career advising center, academic success center, and counseling and career services.

The College anticipates 57 graduates per year.

Major costs:

New Hires	Total Allocation: \$0 (over 3 years) The College does not anticipate the need to hire faculty or staff to support the implementation of the proposed program.
Equipment	Total Allocation: \$2,101,772 (over 3 years) The College anticipates purchasing new instructional equipment during the first year to support implementation of the proposed program.

Facilities	Total Allocation: \$66,351 (over 3 years) The College anticipates upgrades to existing science labs to support the new equipment.		
Materials/Supplies	Total Allocation: \$0 (over 3 years) The College does not anticipate the need to purchase new materials or supplies to support the implementation of the proposed program.		
Other	Total Allocation: \$2,400 (over 3 years) The College will seek accreditation through ABET (Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology).		
Program is self-supporting the:			
First Year	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Revenue shortfall: N/A Total shortfall = \$0
Second Year	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Revenue shortfall: N/A Total shortfall = \$0
Third Year	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Revenue shortfall: N/A Total shortfall = \$0
The College anticipates tuition, program-specific fees, and an already approved U.S. Department of Labor grant will be sufficient to sustain the program for the first three years of implementation.			
Staff recommendation: The State Board staff recommends that Midlands Technical College be approved to offer the Associate in Applied Science with a major in General Engineering Technology in Spring 2026, if funds are available.			

College: Midlands Technical College		Effective Term: Spring 2026		
Degree: Associate in Applied Science		Major: General Engineering Technology		
COSTS TO THE INSTITUTION AND SOURCES OF FINANCING				
Estimated Costs by Year				
CATEGORY	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	TOTALS
Program Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Faculty Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Graduate Assistants	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Clerical/Support Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies and Materials	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Library Resources	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Equipment	\$2,101,722	\$0	\$0	\$2,101,722
Facilities	\$66,351	\$0	\$0	\$66,351
Other (accreditation)	\$800	\$800	\$800	\$2,400
TOTALS	\$2,168,073	\$800	\$800	\$2,170,473
Sources of Financing by Year				
CATEGORY	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	TOTALS
Estimated FTE Revenue Generated from the State	\$0	\$0	\$	\$0
Tuition Funding (New students only)	\$702,000	\$762,800	\$911,800	\$2,376,600
Other State Funding	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Reallocation of Existing Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funding	\$2,196,123	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Funding (Endowment, Auxiliary etc.)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTALS	\$2,898,123	\$762,800	\$911,800	\$4,572,723

**State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education
New Program Proposal Summary**

College: Spartanburg Community College	Effective Term: Fall 2025
Degree: Associate in Applied Science	Major: Teacher Education
Date of Local Area Commission Approval: November 18, 2024	
<p>Employment for which graduates will be prepared:</p> <p>Spartanburg Community College (SCC) seeks to offer an Associate in Applied Science (AAS) with a major in Teacher Education. The target audience is students who aspire to become teacher assistants or paraprofessionals and those planning to transfer to a bachelor's level program to pursue teacher licensure. This program will focus on training educators to enter the Pre-kindergarten to 12th grade (PK-12) education setting. The AAS in Teacher Education will provide students with their first two years of education courses, offering a start in the field of education.</p> <p>After completing their associate degree at SCC, students can transfer to a four-year institution for their bachelor's degree through SCC's University Transfer pathway. The program will provide students with opportunities to prepare for the Praxis Core exam and to observe and practice working with students in school settings. Additionally, the College will partner with other colleges and universities to develop articulation and transfer agreements for the AAS, Teacher Education.</p> <p>SCC has letters of support from Spartanburg School District Three, Kids Upstate, and the University of South Carolina Upstate.</p>	
<p>Needs Survey Results (<i>projected full- and part-time employment for three years</i>):</p> <p>Over the next five years, employment projections at both the state and national levels are expected to increase in PK-12 education, including special education and substitute teachers. In 2024, the national average employment for an area of similar size typically had 7,058 jobs in PK-12 education occupations, while there were 6,542 jobs in SCC's three-county service area. SCC's service area is expected to experience a 7.4% growth (+486 jobs) in the PK-12 education occupation from 2024 to 2030, while the national average growth for an area of this size is expected to increase by 2.2% (+157 jobs). Spartanburg County is expected to experience the most significant economic growth in these education occupations at an increase of 10.3% (+532 jobs) (Lightcast 2024, Q4).</p> <p>SCC conducted an Employment Needs Assessment with local industry partners. Surveys were sent to the superintendents in the school districts of Spartanburg, Cherokee, and Union Counties, as well as to charter and private schools in SCC's service area. The results from the survey reflect a need for approximately 250 full and part-time teacher assistants/teacher aides, paraprofessionals, and certified teachers at all levels in K-12 schools over the next three years. The current starting salary for teachers in South Carolina is \$47,000.</p>	

Related Programs at College:

Currently, students interested in teacher education at SCC enroll in the Associate in Arts (AA) or Associate in Science (AS) transfer pathway. The college will keep the pathways available upon approval of the proposed program to allow currently enrolled students an opportunity to complete their degree.

The proposed program will be housed on the Giles campus.

Status of this program at other Technical Colleges (*status, enrollment, graduates, and placement*):

The AAS in Teacher Education is offered at two colleges within the SC Technical College System: Central Carolina Technical College and Horry-Georgetown Technical College.

According to annual program evaluation productivity data, Horry-Georgetown's program is in good standing. Program productivity data are not yet available for Central Carolina's recently approved program.

Program accreditation requirements and status of college request for accreditation:

The College has no plans to pursue accreditation in the immediate future. There are no accreditation/licensure requirements for program graduates of this program.

Summary of curriculum requirements by credit hour (*include total*):

Total required credit hours: 66

- 17 semester credit hours of EDU (Education)
- 12 semester credit hours of humanities
- 9 semester credit hours of approved electives (transfer pathway courses)
- 6 semester credit hours of ENG (English)
- 4 semester credit hours of a lab science
- 3 semester credit hours of COL (College Orientation)
- 15 semester credit hours total – 3 semester credit hours each of Fine Arts, SPC (Public Speaking), MAT (Mathematics), PSY (Psychology), and one REACH Act course (HIS 201 or PSC 201).

Projected enrollment and graduates (*annual*):

Projected first-year enrollment is 100 students. The estimated attrition rate is 30 percent based on current transfer pathway programs. Possible causes of attrition are program rigor including PRAXIS preparation, program changes, and personal reasons. The College has several student support services in place including Aspiration Inspiration Motivation (AIM) Center, career development, disability services, success coaches, TRIO Student Support Services (SSS), and the Rita Allision Learning Center.

The College anticipates 70 graduates annually.

Major costs:			
New Hires	Total Allocation: \$27,020 (over 3 years) The College anticipates the need to hire adjunct faculty during summer semesters to support the program.		
Equipment	Total Allocation: \$12,000 (over 3 years) The College anticipates the need for new instructional equipment to support the implementation of the proposed program.		
Materials/Supplies	Total Allocation: \$500 (over 3 years) The College anticipates the need to purchase supplies to support the implementation of the proposed program during the first year.		
Other	Total Allocation: \$2,217 (over 3 years) The College anticipates the need to purchase additional library resources to support the implementation of the proposed program.		
Program is self-supporting the:			
First Year	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Revenue shortfall: N/A Total shortfall = \$0
Second Year	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Revenue shortfall: N/A Total shortfall = \$0
Third Year	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Revenue shortfall: N/A Total shortfall = \$0
The College anticipates tuition will be sufficient to sustain the program for the first three years of implementation.			
Staff recommendation: The State Board staff recommends that Spartanburg Community College be approved to offer the Associate in Applied Science with a major in Teacher Education in Fall 2025, if funds are available.			

College: Spartanburg Community College		Effective Term: Fall 2025		
Degree: Associate in Applied Science		Major: Teacher Education		
COSTS TO THE INSTITUTION AND SOURCES OF FINANCING				
Estimated Costs by Year				
CATEGORY	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	TOTALS
Program Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Faculty Salaries	\$0	\$27,020	\$0	\$27,020
Graduate Assistants	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Clerical/Support Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies and Materials	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$0
Library Resources	\$871	\$689	\$657	\$2,217
Equipment	\$12,000	\$0	\$0	\$12,000
Facilities	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (n/a)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTALS	\$13,371	\$27,709	\$657	\$41,237
Sources of Financing by Year				
CATEGORY	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	TOTALS
Estimated FTE Revenue Generated from the State	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Tuition Funding (New students only)	\$704,044	\$681,870	\$806,760	\$2,192,674
Other State Funding	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Reallocation of Existing Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funding	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Funding (Endowment, Auxiliary etc.)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTALS	\$704,044	\$681,870	\$806,760	\$2,192,674

Council of Technical College Presidents' Meeting Minutes
Indigo Rooftop Terrace in the Sweetgrass Inn
Wild Dunes Resort
5757 Palm Blvd
Isle of Palms, SC 29451

01:00 P.M.

March 13, 2025

PRESENT:

Forest Mahan, ATC
Kevin Pollock, CCTC
Jermaine Ford, FDTC
Marilyn Fore, HGTC
Greg Little, MTC
Kyle Wagner, NETC
Walt Tobin, OCTC
Michael Mikota, SCC
Rich Gough, TCL
Galen DeHay, TCTC
Vicky Wood, TTC
Patty Lee, WTC
Stacey Moore, YTC

ABSENT:

Keith Miller, GTC
Hope Rivers, Chair, PTC
Willie L. Todd, Jr., DTC

STAFF PRESENT:

Tim Hardee, System President
Amanda Richardson, Vice President of Apprenticeship Carolina
Brad Neese, Vice President of ReadySC
Kandy Peacock, Vice President of Human Resources, *via Zoom*
Warren Ganjehsani, Chief Legal Counsel, *via Zoom*
Kelly Steinhilper, Vice President of Communications, *via Zoom*
Khushru Tata, Vice President for Information Technology Services, *via Zoom*
AJ Newton, Vice President of Governmental Affairs, *via Zoom*
Randy Johnson, Vice President of Finance, *via Zoom*
Rosline Sumpter, Vice President of Academics, Student Affairs & Research, *via Zoom*

ABSENT:**GUESTS:**

Ashley Jaillette, Executive Director, SCATCC, *via Zoom*
Mark Harmon, Cornerstone Government Affairs, *via Zoom*
Daniel Boan, Cornerstone Government Affairs, *via Zoom*
Brian White, Capitol Strategies Group

CALL TO ORDER – PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL – Stacey Moore, Vice-Chair

Vice-Chairperson Moore called the Presidents' Council meeting to order and welcomed guests.

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CONSENT AGENDA – Stacey Moore, Vice-Chairperson

Vice-Chairperson Moore entertained a motion to approve the Presidents' Council meeting minutes from February 20, 2025. Dr. Fore moved that the minutes be approved. Dr. Tobin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Legislative Committee Report- Galen DeHay, Chair

Dr. DeHay informed the council that each of the subcommittees has continued to meet, no updates were provided from the committee chairs.

Legislative Update: Mr. Newton provided an update to the Council. The legislature is wrapping up the ninth week of the legislative session. The House adopted the budget this week. It was given third reading just after midnight on Wednesday, March 12th. There were over 160 amendments but very few passed. The Technical College System was the only Higher Education institution that did not have an amendment filed to reduce the recurring dollars. There were no changes made to Budget items or no amendments that passed, which impacted the Technical College System. Mr. Newton also provided an update regarding the DEI proviso put in during the Ways and Means process which was ruled out of order on the floor of the House.

H.3927 (DEI Bill): Is still in the House Education Committee. The committee held a four and a half hour hearing with public input on it last week but adjourned debate. He anticipates it will be taken back up when the House returns from their furlough in the last week of March.

S.62 (k-12 private lottery scholarships): The bill passed by the House was sent back to the Senate. The House version does not take money from the Lottery, but it uses General Funds. The bill will likely go to a conference committee.

Future Dates:

March 19: Senate Finance Higher Education Budget Hearing

March 26: JBRC

April 1: SFAA

April 1: Higher Ed Day

April 8-10 Senate Finance Budget Week

April 10: BEA Meeting

SC ASSOCIATION OF TECHNICAL COLLEGE COMMISSIONERS – Ashley Jaillette

The SC Association of Technical College Commissioners meeting began with Ms. Ashley Jaillette thanking everyone for submitting award nominations. The review process is underway, and announcements are expected by early May. The committee plans to shift the award program's timing, aiming to award winners in the fall to reduce the waiting time between the announcement and the actual presentation. Ms. Jaillette also discussed new training opportunities for trustees, moving from a single "day of learning" format to offering sessions twice a year at the System office for more focused and meaningful engagement. She expressed excitement about these changes and future improvements, including a desire to visit more campuses regularly and work with college Presidents to find the best time for these visits. She acknowledged Central Carolina's participation in the March 5th meeting and looked

forward to hearing from Horry-Georgetown and Williamsburg in June. The floor was then turned over to Mr. Mark Harmon for a Legislative Update.

Mr. Mark Harmon provided an update on the budgetary process, he is handling all budget-related matters for the Commissioners. Mr. Harmon mentioned productive preliminary meetings with the Senate's Higher Education subcommittee and Senate Finance staff, with further discussions scheduled for the coming weeks. The Senate Budget has already moved forward following the House's work, and though the process has been lengthy, no major setbacks have occurred. He highlighted the positive reception of a recent luncheon with Legislative members, despite fluctuating attendance due to the busy legislative schedule. Mr. Harmon acknowledged the Senate's focus on a tort reform issue that is delaying other legislation, including the Education Savings Account Bill, but assured that the budget timeline would not be impacted. He then passed the floor to Mr. Boan for additional comments.

Mr. Daniel Boan briefly noted that while he cannot directly communicate during the current budget process, it is crucial to highlight the importance of the Education Savings Account (ESA) Bill and how the Senate allocates lottery funds in their budget version. He emphasized the need to protect these lottery dollars for their intended purposes and assured that efforts are being made to inform the Senate of this importance.

CHAIRPERSONS' REPORT- Stacey Moore, Vice-Chair

Vice-Chairperson Moore noted that there was no report from Chairperson Rivers. She then asked the Presidents to share any issues they have encountered in relation to the ongoing changes at the federal level. The group engaged in a discussion about their concerns, with each member affirming that they are closely monitoring developments as they unfold at the federal level.

SYSTEM PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Dr. Tim Hardee, System President

On March 4th, Dr. Hardee met with Ms. Priester, the current chair, and Ms. Barnes, who will be the chair next year of the South Carolina Association of Technical College Commissioners (SCATCC), along with Ashley Jaillette and Hope Rivers, to discuss some important changes. The group decided that the "Day of Learning" in February, traditionally organized by the Commissioners Association, will no longer be held. Instead, a joint meeting will be scheduled for September 23rd. This meeting will serve as a collaborative session with the State Board, the President's Council, and the SC Association of Technical College Commissioners. The event will be a professional development day with invited legislators, focusing on topics relevant to board members, college presidents, and the sixteen area commission chairs. The plan is to dedicate the morning to this professional development session, followed by lunch, after which each of the three groups will have their regular meetings in the afternoon. The goal is to bring all three groups together for a shared experience and allow them to hear from the same speakers. Suggestions for speakers are welcome to ensure the content is both relevant and impactful.

At the March 4th meeting, the group also discussed offering an orientation for new Area Commission members twice a year at the System Office. This orientation would be similar to the one provided for new Presidents and State Board members when they are onboarded. Additionally, it was proposed that a few college presidents participate in these orientations to present how new commission members can become involved and advocate for their colleges. This would be held twice a year in Columbia at the System Office.

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Furthermore, the legislative day is scheduled for February 25th, 2026. Dr. Hardee suggested that the group reconsider the current format. The event costs \$26,000 in February, but there is an opportunity to reduce expenses. He proposed moving the event inside to the Blatt Building, room 112, which seats 112 people, potentially cutting costs by half. There is also the possibility of moving the event to a breakfast meeting, which AJ Newton is exploring. This change would allow the event to maintain the same date but at a lower cost, while still providing valuable experience. The Executive Committee of the SCATCC would also be invited to participate in this event.

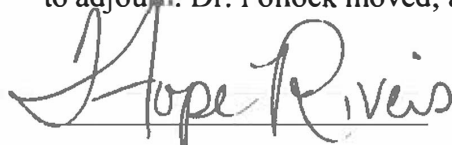
Dr. Hardee also requested that each college provide a current, active list of its Area Commission members. These lists will be helpful in organizing future events and communications. He further asked that all sixteen colleges agree to pay their membership dues through SCATCC for at least next year. If we are requesting changes from them, we should demonstrate our commitment by supporting them financially. Dr. Mikota noted that Spartanburg Community College is not a member of the SCATCC, and that a decision to become a member and to pay dues is determined by the Spartanburg County Commission for Technical and Community Education.

OTHER BUSINESS-

Dr. Wagner brought to the attention of the Presidents' Council that the current FPMS system does not directly align and allow for full compliance with State Board Policy 8-2-103.1 Faculty Teaching/Workload and Overload Compensation. Dr. Wagner highlighted the policy for the council and expressed his concerns in two main areas. He stressed the percentage of load and the procedures for non-teaching load guidelines under faculty load procedure. After a brief discussion, Dr. Little made a motion to have the System Office's Human Resource Division review the policy and make recommended changes, if necessary. Dr. Ford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT -

There being no other matters for consideration or discussion, Vice-Chairperson Moore called for a motion to adjourn. Dr. Pollock moved, and Dr. Tobin seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.


Hope Rivers, Chair

April 10, 2025

Date Approved by Presidents' Council

Date Reviewed by State Board

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Council of Technical College Presidents' Meeting Minutes

Brookland Baptist Banquet & Conference Center

1066 Sunset Blvd

West Columbia, SC 29169

11:30 A.M..

April 10, 2025

PRESENT:

Hope Rivers, Chair, PTC
Forest Mahan, ATC
Kevin Pollock, CCTC
Keith Miller, GTC
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Marilyn Fore, HGTC
Michael Mikota, SCC
Rich Gough, TCL
Galen DeHay, TCTC

ABSENT:

GUESTS:

Dan Cooper, Chief of Staff, Tri-County Technical College
Debbie Cheek, VP of Finance and Administration, Florence-Darlington Technical College
Jennifer Wilbanks, EVP for Academic and Workforce Development, Horry-Georgetown Technical College
Nancy Webber, VP of Administrative Services, Technical College of the Lowcountry, *via Zoom*
Staci Obi, VP of Student and Community Advancement, Spartanburg Community College
A. Clifton Myles, Provost and EVP, Denmark Technical College
Jamie Cooper, EVP for Academic and Student Affairs, York Technical College
Jordan Desai, Deputy Director of Health Programs, South Carolina Department of Health, and Human Services
Lara Hewitt, Vice President, Workforce & Member Engagement, South Carolina Hospital Association
Ashley Jaillette, Executive Director, SCATCC
Daniel Boan, Cornerstone Government Affairs
Mark Harmon, Cornerstone Government Affairs
Brian White, President, Capital Strategies Group

CALL TO ORDER – PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL – Hope Rivers, Chair

Chairperson Rivers called the Presidents' Council meeting to order and welcomed guests.

CONSENT AGENDA – Hope Rivers, Chairperson

Chairperson Rivers called for a motion to approve the Presidents' Council meeting minutes March 13, 2025. Dr. Moore moved to approve the minutes. Dr. Little seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CNA DISCUSSION- Lara Hewitt and Jordan Desai

Dr. Hardee introduced Ms. Lara Hewitt, Vice President of Workforce and Member Engagement for the South Carolina Hospital Association (SCHA) and Ms. Jordan Desai, Deputy Director of Health Programs with the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS), both of whom have been involved in trying to resolve these concerns. The key issue discussed was the lack of a reliable testing mechanism, which undermines the value of CNA training if students cannot complete certification and enter the workforce. Dr. Hardee opened a meeting to address ongoing issues with CNA credentialing and testing across technical colleges in South Carolina. The current testing contract with Credentia is set to expire in May, and the state plans to extend it temporarily while designing a more functional, long-term solution. Ms. Desai emphasized the need for stronger contract terms and flexibility to adapt to real-world needs, including possibly changing how RN proctors are used.

Ms. Hewitt noted that CNA roles are foundational in healthcare and feed into other critical fields like nursing and allied health. She and Mr. Brad Neese have explored models used by other states and highlighted that some allow technical colleges to conduct in-house testing under regulatory oversight, which could reduce costs and increase access. Several of the Presidents proposed similar models for South Carolina, especially since many colleges already handle other standardized testing for other credentials. There was broad agreement that any future solution should accommodate the vast majority (around 95–98%) of in-state CNA candidates, while also offering options for out-of-state reciprocity.

Concerns were raised about testing delays impacting student job placement, with some students leaving the healthcare pathway altogether due to the inability to test quickly. The group provided ideas such as provisional licensing, embedding skills assessments into training programs, or piloting new models at a few colleges. Ms. Desai was receptive to exploring these options and committed to involving stakeholders in designing the new procurement process, though formal evaluation would remain internal. She also invited the colleges to submit their projected testing needs for the summer and emphasized the goal of having a stable testing system in place by the fall semester. The discussion ended with a shared understanding that immediate fixes are needed to support students and colleges while longer-term solutions are developed.

APPRENTICESHIP CAROLINA UPDATE: Amanda Richardson, VP of Apprenticeship Carolina

Ms. Amanda Richardson provided an update on behalf of Apprenticeship Carolina, highlighting ongoing developments and the program's continued growth. She noted that South Carolina's success in expanding registered apprenticeships is partly due to its integration within the state's technical college system, allowing for strong collaboration between colleges and the apprenticeship division. Currently, there are

about 7,000 active apprentices across the state, with approximately 75% of those programs involving technical colleges in some capacity. Ms. Richardson emphasized the importance of maintaining strong local connections between college staff and Apprenticeship Carolina's team, encouraging colleges to reach out if additional communication is needed.

She also shared that Apprenticeship Carolina is actively working to ensure continued access to grant funding, especially for registered and pre-apprenticeships, and urged colleges to prioritize Youth & Small Business Grant funds, when applicable. On a national level, she acknowledged that the future of apprenticeship policy remains uncertain under the current federal administration, but her team is closely monitoring any changes from the U.S. Department of Labor. She also discussed South Carolina's distinctive approach to apprenticeships, which extends beyond traditional trades like plumbing and electrical work. The state has successfully expanded into sectors such as healthcare, IT, hospitality, and most notably, education. One emerging area is teacher education apprenticeships, where school districts employ apprentices while they pursue their bachelor's degrees through four-year institutions. This model is gaining momentum across the state and helping address vacancies in education, particularly in early childhood programs.

Lastly, Dr. Hardee noted that Ms. Richardson was recognized for her leadership and was recently invited to Washington, D.C., to share South Carolina's apprenticeship model with other states struggling to implement similar programs. The recognition emphasizes South Carolina's national leadership in apprenticeship innovation, and Amanda closed by inviting continued collaboration and questions from the group.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Legislative Committee Report- Galen DeHay, Chair

Legislative Update: Mr. Newton provided an update to the Council. The legislature is wrapping up the thirteenth week of the legislative session. The BEA met the morning of April 10th. They did not make any changes for the current year forecast for the fiscal year 2025-26. They are scheduled to meet again on May 20, 2025. The Senate budget has been published.

The Senate budget for the Technical College System is as follows:

- \$10M Recurring for Instructional and Workforce Development Programs (House \$8M)
- \$3M Recurring for Dual Enrollment Initiative (House \$2M)
- \$74.9M Non-Recurring for Capital and Maintenance Needs (House \$68,831,995)
- \$4M Non-Recurring for ReadySC (House \$5M Lottery)
- \$89,999,999 between Non-recurring and Lottery for SCWINS (House \$90M Lottery)

Lottery Technical College System Items:

- \$56.1M for Lottery Tuition Assistance Programs (House \$52,994,528)
- \$80M for Need-Based Grants (Same in House version, portion to SCTCS)
- \$10M for Nursing Initiative (Same in House version, portion to SCTCS)
- \$8M for Technology Funding (\$0 in House version, portion to SCTCS)

The Senate Finance concurred with the same plan as the House on salary increases. They used the pay band study to update the pay bands:

- State agency employees that would fall below the minimum of their new pay-band would have their salary increased to the minimum.
- All college employees (unless HEPA adopts the changes) and all other agency employees would receive a 2% increase.

No health insurance premium increases on employees (House version increased employee premium by approximately \$36 per month)

Provisos of Note:

- Deleted EMS Proviso
- Deleted Proviso that allowed tuition increase for new students
- Added Proviso to prevent auto-enrollment in Dual Enrollment Courses
- Added Proviso to have Department of Admin to implement a pilot program using a third party centralized software system to integrate and analyze financial data from the sixteen colleges.
- Added a Proviso to receive the new Dual Enrollment funding; each college shall certify to the State Board there shall be no cost to students for dual enrollment if they are enrolled in a minimum of six hours per semester.

Mr. Newton also noted that his office was tracking over one hundred bills, and he highlighted a few bills of note. S.62 (k-12 private lottery scholarships), H.3927 (DEI Bill) and H. 4216 (Income tax reduction) Mr. Newton provided an update on each of the three bills and answered questions from the Council.

Future Dates:

April 22-24: Full Senate Budget Deliberations

First Week of May: House 2 Budget

May 8: Sine Die (last day of session)

May 20: BEA update

Late May or June: Budget conference report, etc.

Subcommittee Update:

Dr. Walt Tobin presented the recommendations of the Presidents' Council Dual Enrollment Subcommittee. The subcommittee consists of Dr. Tobin (Chair), Dr. DeHay, Dr. Mikota, Dr. Rivers, and Mr. Brian White (Ex-Officio). Dr. Tobin explained that the subcommittee was charged with developing policy recommendations to position the Technical College System as a leader in Dual Enrollment (DE).

Through their discussions, the subcommittee identified a need for greater consistency in how DE is implemented across the sixteen colleges in the system. While regional differences are both expected and appropriate, there was strong consensus on the importance of establishing a shared set of core principles and practices.

The overarching goal is to maintain leadership in both the quality and quantity of DE offerings. In formulating the recommendations, the subcommittee considered several key factors, including the intended purpose of DE funding, appropriate usage guidelines, and what constitutes a fair distribution of these funds.

Dr. Tobin presented the following four policy recommendations:

Recommendation 1: 2025–2026 Academic Year Goal

- **Internal Goal:** Increase dual enrollment participation by 10% for the 2025–2026 academic year, with a specific focus on low-income students.
- **External Goal:** Increase college and career readiness among high school seniors, particularly low-income students—by enabling them to complete at least six credit hours of college-level coursework, or an industry-recognized credential that leads to family-sustaining wages or serves as a pathway to such programs.

Dr. Pollock moved to accept and approve Recommendation 1. Dr. Lee seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Recommendation 2: DE Policy, Procedure, and Compliance Framework

Dual Enrollment at each college must adhere to the established DE Policy, Procedure, and Compliance Framework. The Council agrees that, at a minimum, no deviations from these documents will be permitted.

To be eligible for state-allocated DE enrollment funds:

- Colleges must maintain documentation demonstrating annual compliance.
- If there is evidence of noncompliance, colleges will have 30 days to respond to the System Office.
- The System Office will determine compliance status.
- Colleges found to be out of compliance will be ineligible for state DE funds in the subsequent budget cycle.

Dr. Pollock moved to accept and approve Recommendation 2. Dr. Lee seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Recommendation 3: State-Level Policy Recommendations

- Submit a policy recommendation to the State Department of Education to redefine “College and Career Readiness” on the SC Report Card.
- Submit a request to the Commission on Higher Education (CHE) to adopt the SCTCS Dual Enrollment Policy and Procedure for all higher education institutions in the state.

Dr. Pollock moved to accept and approve Recommendation 3. Dr. Lee seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Recommendation 4: State-Allocated DE Fund Distribution

State-allocated DE funds will be distributed based on a three-year average of dual enrollment FTE. Initial fund allocation—based on whether instruction is delivered by high school or college faculty—will be referred to the CAO Peer Group for a recommendation, which will be reviewed by the Presidents at the PC Retreat in June.

The IE Peer Group will also convene to assess the capacity and capability to collect and accurately report the required data.

After extensive discussion, Dr. Pollock moved to accept and approve Recommendation 4. Dr. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed, with Dr. Wagner opposing.

PRIORITY INITIATIVE FUNDS- UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE (CCLA) – Dr. Rosline Sumpter

Dr. Sumpter presented a brief overview of the Community College Leadership Alliance (CCLA), a partnership with the University of South Carolina College of Education. A request was made to utilize Priority Initiative funds to support the next cohort set to begin in January 2026. The funds would be used to cover the application fee and the first course of the 18-month Certificate of Graduate Study in Higher Education Leadership. Dr. Rivers called for a motion to approve the request. Dr. Little made a motion to approve the request to fund the application fee and first course for each participant. Dr. Mahan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SC ASSOCIATION OF TECHNICAL COLLEGE COMMISSIONERS – Ashley Jaillette

Ashley Jaillette of the South Carolina Association of Technical College Commissioners (SCATCC) announced that the upcoming new trustee orientation sessions have been scheduled for September 16, 2025, and April 21, 2026. These orientation dates will replace the annual Day of Learning and will be held at the system office. Additionally, she informed the council that the next SCATCC Board meeting will take place at the system office on June 4, 2025. Ms. Jaillette also introduced the new SCATCC officers: Dr. Yvonne Barnes, Chair (Trident Technical College); James Bowen, Vice Chair (Denmark Technical College); George Piersol, Treasurer (Piedmont Technical College); Tommy Branyon, Secretary (Horry-Georgetown Technical College); and Keyatta Priester, Past Chair (Aiken Technical College). She encouraged the presidents to contact her directly with any questions or concerns.

CHAIRPERSONS' REPORT- Hope Rivers, Chair

Chairperson Rivers thanked the presidents for their participation in the Phi Theta Kappa event. She announced the appointment of a nominating committee for the FY 2025-26 Officers. Drs. Lee, Tobin, and Mahan volunteered to serve on the committee and will present their nominations at the next Council meeting. Dr. Rivers also reminded the Council that the deadline to reserve a hotel room for the June 11–13 Presidents' Council Planning Retreat is May 12 by the close of business. Additionally, she discussed the topics and presentations that she and Dr. Hardee have been preparing for the upcoming retreat.

SYSTEM PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Dr. Tim Hardee, System President

Dr. Hardee turned the floor over to Dr. Wagner to provide the Presidents' Council Treasurer's Report. Dr. Wagner reviewed the expenditures over the last three years. He made a motion that the College be billed for \$500 to cover immediate expenses through the end of FY 2024-25 and to increase the yearly dues to \$3,000 from the current \$1,000 for FY 2025-26. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Hardee also shared that about a year ago, a reporter from *The Post and Courier* published a story about declining enrollment in the technical college system. That article was based on data from the CHE website, which is typically two to three years old. The analysis focused on the ten years leading up to 2021. Dr. Hardee provided a more accurate picture of the enrollment. He stated that since fall 2020, our fall enrollment has increased by 10,000 students, a 14% increase over four years. From spring 2021 to spring 2025, we are up to 11,000 students. So, the message is clear that enrollment is not in decline. In fact, it is growing significantly.

Dr. Hardee also shared that Representative Chris Huff, who serves on the Ways and Means Committee, asked both two- and four-year institutions to provide data on the percentage of in-state students that each institution serves. There has been growing concern for the legislators that four-year institutions are

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enrolling large numbers of out-of-state students. In contrast, the technical college system has 96% of our students are in-state.

He asked if any college is planning a tuition increase, whether for the summer or fall semester to reach out to him and let him know each plan. He noted that he often receives questions from legislators about what tuition is going to look like across the state. If we are receiving \$8–10 million in new recurring funds, those questions will only increase. He wants to avoid generalizing or suggesting that every college is increasing tuition, and the only way he can do that is by having accurate information—whether it is from Greenville, Aiken, or Northeastern.

He wanted to make it clear there has not been an official ultimatum from the Governor or General Assembly saying, “do not raise tuition.” He does believe each college needs to be cautious. If we receive the \$8–10 million in recurring funds, plus an additional \$3 million for dual enrollment—that is \$13 million being invested into the system. It is difficult to justify tuition increases when some colleges are also holding significant fund balances. That way, when questions arise, I will be able to respond with accurate and specific information.

OTHER BUSINESS-

No additional business was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT –

There being no other matters for consideration or discussion, Chairperson Rivers moved to adjourn. Dr. Lee seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Hope Rivers, Chair

Date Approved by Presidents' Council

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State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education

Meeting Minutes

Board Room
111 Executive Center Drive
Columbia, SC 29210

10:00 A.M.

March 25, 2025

PRESENT:

Roger P. Schrum, Chair
Rachel Gainey
Kathy Richardson
Anthony Garvin Barker
Ralph A. Odom, Jr.
Orville S. Smith, III
Terry Hardesty
Carolyn Swinton, *via Zoom*
Warren Darby, Jr.
Ben Satcher

STAFF PRESENT:

Tim Hardee, System President
Brad Neese, Vice President of Economic Development, *via Zoom*
Kandy Peacock, Vice President for Human Resources
Rosline Sumpter, Vice President for Academic Affairs
Kelly Steinhilper, Vice President of Communications
Randall Johnson, Vice President of Finance
AJ Newton, Vice President of Governmental Relations
Amanda Richardson, Vice President of Apprenticeship Carolina

ABSENT:

Chris Huffman
E. Grantland Burns

SYSTEM STAFF ABSENT:

Khushru Tata, Vice President for Information Technology
Warren Ganjehsani, Chief Legal Counsel

GUESTS:

Ashley Jaillette, Executive Director, SC Association of Technical College Commissioners
Anna Duvall, Career Readiness Team, SC Department of Education
Hope Rivers, President, Piedmont Technical College, Chair of Presidents' Council
Daniel Boan, Cornerstone Government Affairs, *via Zoom*
Mark Harmon, Cornerstone Government Affairs, *via Zoom*

NOTIFICATION OF MEDIA

The State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education complied with the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act in notifying the media and posting the agenda for the State Board meeting.

CALL TO ORDER – Roger Schrum Chair

Chair Schrum called the meeting to order and welcomed guests.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORTS:**A. Economic Development and Training Committee – Warren Darby**

Project Budgets for State Board Approval: Mr. Darby made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss readySC™ projects over \$200,000 for approval. Mr. Darby moved, and Mr. Hardesty seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. They entered the Executive Session, and Dr. Tim Hardee, Mr. Brad Neese, Mr. Randy Johnson, Mr. AJ Newton, and Ms. Roseline Sumpter were asked to stay for the Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Section 30-4-70(a)(2) of the S.C. Code of Laws provides that "A public body may hold a meeting closed to the public for one or more of the following reasons: Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property, the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, settlement of legal claims, or the position of the public agency in other adversary situations involving the assertion against the agency of a claim."

S.C. Code of Laws Section 30-4-70(a)(5) – "Discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body..."

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Committee returned to the open session. Mr. Darby reported that no action was taken during the Executive Session.

Project Budgets for Ratification- Mr. Darby reviewed the one readySC™ project budgets for ratification under \$200,000. There were no questions.

Board Ratification for retrainSC Projects for Ratification- Mr. Darby reviewed two retrainSC Projects for ratification.

Mr. Hardesty motioned to approve the one readySC™ capital projects over \$200,000 discussed during the Executive Session, the one readySC™ under \$200,000, and the two retrainSC Projects. Mr. Barker seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Fiscal, Audit, and Personnel Committee – Garvin Barker, Chair

Chair Schrum called on Mr. Barker to give the Fiscal, Audit, and Personnel Committee Report.

Horry-Georgetown Technical College Capital Project for Approval- Nursing and Health Professions Training: HGTC is seeking approval to renovate, upfit, and equip one of the two buildings it acquired in December 2024 for the exclusive purpose of expanding its Nursing and Health Professions Training programs. The building in question – formerly known as the Miller-Motte Building encompasses 32,000 square feet of space. This project involves only interior renovations and upfitting. No new construction, parking additions, or roof system improvements are included. The total budget of \$2.5M will be funded entirely by local sources and will not exceed this amount. Since the project remains under \$2.5M and is funded locally, Capital Budget Office approval is not required. HGTC intends to complete the renovations in time for the Fall 2025 semester. The Fiscal, Audit, and Personnel Committee recommends approval of the proposed project.

Midlands Technical College Capital Project for Approval- Learning and Resource Center: MTC is seeking approval to renovate the 11,275 square foot Learning Resource Center located in the Academics Center on the Airport Campus. Originally built in 1989, the center's functions have evolved, prompting the need for an updated space that meets the requirements of current and future students. Renovations will include group study rooms, a classroom, new faculty offices, computer access, and a student seating area. Faculty and student surveys indicate the current layout is inefficient at MTC's present enrollment level. Advancements in information technology have changed how space is used, and the existing design no longer meets student needs. This renovation aligns with the college's Master Facilities Plan and will address existing maintenance issues. Data on usage also shows a growing demand for a modernized center.

The option of constructing a new facility was considered but deemed financially imprudent. Repurposing the existing space is the most cost-effective approach to create a functional Learning Resource Center.

This project was initially included in MTC's Comprehensive Permanent Improvement Plan (CPIP) and approved by the Board on July 23, 2024, at an estimated cost of \$2,500,000, funded by the college. Since then, initial architectural and engineering assessments have revealed an increased project scope and cost. The budget and funding source for this project is \$2,500,000 – College Funds \$1,564,388 – State Appropriated Funds for Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement Projects for a total of \$4,064,388.

The Fiscal, Audit, and Personnel Committee recommends approval of the proposed

project, subject to other necessary approvals.

Spartanburg Community College Capital Project for Approval – Terhune Ground Floor and First Bookstore Renovation: Spartanburg Community College (SCC) seeks approval to renovate the Terhune Building on its Giles Main Campus. On April 17, 2023, a significant fire suppression water leak caused extensive damage resulting in approximately 11,000 square feet of space requiring remediation. While the remediation phase is complete, further work is needed to restore the space to full functionality.

The bookstore, originally housed in the affected area, was temporarily relocated to a first-floor conference room. By repurposing the vacant space for student-facing services, SCC plans to consolidate seven departments within a single building, improving operational efficiency and benefiting both staff and students. Relocating the bookstore to the main lobby is also expected to increase visibility and boost sales.

Initially, the Board approved the project at an estimated cost of \$2.6 million. However, following preliminary architectural assessments, the scope of work was revised. The need to renovate a larger area than first anticipated, update two floors of restrooms to meet accessibility and regulatory requirements, and replace mechanical systems prompted the revised plan and budget. The budget and funding source for this project is \$3,928,274— State Appropriated Funds for Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement Projects. The Fiscal, Audit, and Personnel Committee recommends approval of the proposed project, subject to other necessary approvals.

Tri-County Technical College Capital Project for Approval- Workforce Training Center Acquisition: Tri-County Technical College (TCTC) seeks approval to purchase an 8,845-square-foot building on 2.75 acres from the Tri-County Technical College Foundation, LLC. Located adjacent to TCTC's Industrial Training Center, this facility will be used for workforce training in collaboration with the College's business partners and local manufacturers in Anderson, Oconee, and Pickens counties. The building includes open training spaces, classrooms, and is ADA-compliant.

TCTC has leased this property from the Foundation since 2019 but now seeks to acquire it outright. The total purchase price is \$370,000—\$350,000 to cover the remaining lease balance and \$20,000 for an environmental assessment, appraisal, and closing costs.

On September 24, 2024, the Board authorized Phase I of the project, allowing TCTC to spend up to \$30,000 on property appraisal and environmental assessment. Both tasks have been completed, revealing no environmental issues and an appraised value of \$1,300,000. The budget and funding source for this project is \$370,000 in college funds. The Fiscal, Audit and Personnel Committee recommends approval of the proposed project, subject to other necessary approvals.

Trident Technical College Capital Project for Approval – Biology Lab

Renovation: Trident Technical College (TTC) requests approval to renovate three existing biology lab classrooms and associated prep spaces in Building 630 on the Thornley Campus. These spaces, located in rooms 222, 222A, 222B, 224, and 226, have not been updated since the building's construction in 1989. The total renovation covers approximately 4,000 square feet and will support high-demand programs in Nursing and Health Sciences.

Currently, the outdated room layout and aging infrastructure limit the use of modern teaching methods involving collaboration and information technology. Much of the casework is damaged beyond repair due to previous roof and plumbing fixture leaks, and several elements do not meet ADA standards. Continuing to make piecemeal repairs is no longer sufficient.

This renovation was initially included in TTC's Comprehensive Permanent Improvement Plan (CPIP) and approved by the Board on July 23, 2024. That plan, estimated at \$1,200,000, covered renovating two labs totaling 3,000 square feet. Due to increased demand, TTC has expanded the scope to three labs (4,000 square feet), which has increased the overall project cost. The budget and funding source for this project is \$2,100,000 – State Appropriated Funds for Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement Projects. The Fiscal, Audit, and Personnel Committee recommends approval of the proposed project, subject to other necessary approvals.

Mr. Barker moved to approve five Capital Projects for Approval. Mr. Hardesty seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SCWINS Program Eligibility for Approval

SCWINS Program Eligibility for Approval - SCWINS/Workforce Scholarship and Grant programs for approval. Mr. Barker stated that the State Legislature approves annual funding for scholarships and grants in areas where there were workforce shortfalls throughout the state. The South Carolina Workforce Industry Needs Scholarship (SCWINS) shall be limited to South Carolina residents enrolled in critical workforce programs that lead to an industry-recognized credential (IRC), certificate, diploma, or degree in the following areas:

- 1.) Healthcare
- 2.) Computer Technology and Information Technology
- 3.) Advanced Manufacturing
- 4.) Hospitality/Tourism Management
- 5.) Construction
- 6.) Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics
- 7.) Criminal Justice and Corrections
- 8.) Early Care and Education
- 9.) Human Services
- 10.) Agriculture and Natural Resources
- 11.) Business Management and Administration

Dual enrollment students enrolled in any program leading to an industry-recognized credential (IRC), certificate, diploma, or degree are eligible for funds.

Students enrolled in programs under the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) Workforce Pilot are eligible for funds.

Priority awarding must be provided to students who are enrolled in the following critical workforce programs within the 2025-2026 fiscal year. Funds shall be used to cover the total costs of the program (i.e., tuition, fees, or expenses for course-related materials) up to the maximum annual limit of \$5,000.

- 1.) Commercial Truck Driving
- 2.) CompTIA
- 3.) Cybersecurity
- 4.) Diesel Technician
- 5.) Electric Vehicle Technology
- 6.) Emergency Medical Technician
- 7.) Heavy Equipment Operator
- 8.) HVAC (Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning)
- 9.) Lineman Technician
- 10.) Manufacturing Technician
- 11.) Mechatronics
- 12.) Nursing
- 13.) Nursing Assistant
- 14.) Patient Care Technician
- 15.) Phlebotomy
- 16.) Plumbing
- 17.) Welding

Mr. Barker motioned to approve the 2025-2026 Workforce Scholarship and Grants and SCWINS program eligibility. Mr. Satcher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Annual Tuition and Fee Recommendation for Approval-

Mr. Barker presented the background of the Annual Tuition and Fee recommendation. He noted that pursuant to policy and procedure, 7-2-101 and 7-2-101.1, the State Board annually sets the tuition range for the System for the upcoming academic year. Historically, the Board has considered the Higher Education Price Index (HEPI) as a baseline for adjustments to the tuition range. The HEPI is an inflation index designed specifically to track the main cost drivers in higher education.

The System's tuition structure is based on a credit hour model and the Board's adjustment involves the establishment of both the minimum and maximum tuition per credit hour range. The approved minimum and maximum tuition per credit hour for academic year (AY) 2024-2025 is as follows:

Minimum per Credit Hour	\$174.98
Maximum per Credit Hour	\$268.74

Currently, for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024, HEPI data indicate a 3.4 percent inflation rate for colleges and universities. Typically, the Board would apply this percentage to adjust both the minimum and maximum per-credit-hour rates for AY 2025–2026. However, because the highest per-credit-hour rate currently charged by any technical college (\$236.00) is still 13.9 percent below the approved maximum (\$268.74), staff recommends no increase for AY 2025–2026. Instead, we propose maintaining the existing tuition range.

The Fiscal, Audit and Personnel committee recommends Board approval to maintain the current minimum and maximum tuition rates for AY 2025–2026 at the levels previously approved for AY 2024–2025.

Mr. Barker moved to maintain the current minimum and maximum tuition rates for AY 2025–2026 at the levels previously approved for AY 2024–2025. Mr. Hardesty seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

State Board Financial Summary through the Month Ending February 28., 2025- Mr. Barker noted the summary in the agenda package and stated that it reflected activity through February 28, 2025. Mr. Barker made a motion to accept the State Board Financial Summary through the month ending February 28, 2025. Mr. Hardesty seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Staff Approvals for January 16 through March 14, 2025 - Mr. Barker noted that the staff approval list included in the agenda package contained eleven staff approvals. He stated that Mr. Johnson was available to answer any questions, but there were none. Mr. Barker made a motion to accept the Staff Approvals from January 16 through March 14, 2025. Mr. Hardesty seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Instruction and Student Services Committee – Nick Odom, Chair

Spartanburg Community College - Associate in Applied Science, major in Digital Arts: Mr. Odom reported that there was one academic program proposal for consideration by the Committee. He provided a summary of the program proposal included in the agenda materials distributed before the meeting. The following academic program was recommended for State Board approval:

Spartanburg Community College - Associate in Applied Science, major in Digital Arts. Mr. Odom moved to approve Spartanburg Community College - Associate in Applied Science, major in Digital Arts. Mr. Barker seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

ADJOURN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Chair Schrum adjourned the Committee of the Whole and called the State Board to order.

CALL TO ORDER- STATE BOARD MEETING

Chair Schrum called the State Board Meeting to Order.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE- AJ Newton

Mr. AJ Newton provided an update to the State Board. He noted the legislature is in week eleven of session. The BEA met in late February and updated their FY 25-26 forecast. Recurring funds forecast increased by \$132.5 M for the initial estimate for a total of \$666M in new recurring. Non-Recurring fund forecast increased by \$131.2M from the initial estimate for a total of \$1.254B in non-recurring. No changes to the lottery forecast from November of \$502.7M. The BEA will likely update the forecast again in April or early May.

Mr. Newton announced that the House had adopted their version of the FY 25-26 budget. The Technical College System received the following:

\$8,000,000 Recurring for Instructional and Workforce Development Programs (Base Funding)

\$2,000,000 Recurring for Dual Enrollment Initiative

\$500,000 in Non-Recurring Make-It in SC Marketing Program

\$68,831,995 in Non-Recurring Capital and Maintenance Needs for SCTCS

Lottery Tech System Items include \$90M for SCWINS, \$5M for ReadySC, and

\$52.9 M for Lottery Tuition Assistance Program. Other lottery items of Note: \$80M for Need-Based Grants (portion to SCTCS) and \$10M for Nursing Initiative (portion to SCTCS)

State Employee pay raise is based on the employee pay-band study from a year ago to update the pay-bands. Anyone's salary that would fall below the new minimum of their pay-band would have their salary increased to the new minimum. All others would receive a 2% increase.

Senate finance is wrapping up their budget hearings. Dr. Hardee presented the system request to the Higher Education subcommittee last week. They are scheduled to take up the budget in Senate Finance in two weeks.

He also noted that he and Ms. Karen Taylor are tracking over one hundred bills. Two bills of note were S.62 (k-12 private lottery scholarships) this bill passed the House and was sent back to the Senate. The House version does not take money from the Lottery. It uses General funds; it will likely go to conference committee but has not been determined yet. H.3927 (DEI Bill) House Education adopted a strike all and insert amendment which became the Bill. It is not as expansive as the original version (it appears the Technical Colleges are currently compliant with the bill's language). The bill will now go to the floor of the House to be debated as early as next week. Senate has not done anything yet with the companion bill S.368.

Future dates of note:

March 26: JBRC

April 1: SFAA

April 8-10: Senate Finance Budget Week

April 10: BEA meeting (potential forecast update)

April 22-24: Senate Budget Week

SC ASSOCIATION OF TECHNICAL COLLEGE COMMISSIONERS' REPORT – Ashley Jaillette, Executive Director

Ms. Ashley Jaillette, Executive Director of the South Carolina Association of Technical College Commissioners (SCATCC), provided an update during the meeting. She began by thanking those who attended the recent day of learning held at the Palmetto Club. She mentioned that several changes are planned for the upcoming year and will be communicated as they are finalized. Following that event, SCATCC participated in the national ACCT Conference in Washington, D.C., which brought together commissioners from across the country. As part of the conference, SCATCC hosted a luncheon on Capitol Hill with members of South Carolina's congressional delegation, which was well-received by attendees. Ms. Jaillette noted that the last SCATCC meeting took place on March 6, with the next and final meeting of the fiscal year scheduled for June. She turned the floor over to Mr. Daniel Boan who briefly added that he was listening in and commended Mr. Newton for his presentation and had nothing to add to the legislative update.

COUNCIL OF TECHNICAL COLLEGE PRESIDENTS' REPORT -Hope Rivers, Chair

Dr. Hope Rivers, President of Piedmont Technical College and representative of the President's Council, provided an update on recent activities. She noted that for the third consecutive year, the Council met in conjunction with the South Carolina Power Team Conference at Wild Dunes—a format that has fostered valuable collaboration and efficiency. This initiative, credited to Mr. Brad Neese and Dr. Hardee, has evolved from a few attendees to a more integrated effort between the Council and the South Carolina Power Team. Dr. Rivers also highlighted the continued work of the Council's subcommittees, which were established to proactively monitor developments in South Carolina and beyond. Among these, the Dual Enrollment Subcommittee remains the most active, meeting biweekly to address ongoing changes and coordinate with peer groups to align efforts. Dr. Rivers referenced a productive meeting between herself, Dr. Hardee, Ashley, and both the incoming and outgoing Board chairs for the SCATCC, emphasizing the strong collaboration and future initiatives discussed. She also informed the Board members that the President's Council will hold its annual retreat in June, with the Presidents currently submitting suggested topics and potential guest speakers. Overall, Dr. Rivers expressed enthusiasm about the increased engagement and productivity of the Council, remarking that members are actively participating and contributing to meaningful discussions.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Chair Schrum entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the State Board meeting on January 28, 2025. Mr. Hardesty moved and was seconded by Mr. Gainey. The minutes were approved unanimously.

MINUTES FOR REVIEW

Chair Schrum stated that minutes from the January 9, 2025, and February 20, 2025, Presidents' Council meeting were included with the agenda materials distributed before the meeting for review. Mr. Schrum encouraged the Board members to read them.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDATIONS-CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Schrum entertained a motion for State Board approval of the Committee of the Whole recommendations. Mr. Odom moved, and Mr. Darby seconded the motion. The motion carried, and the following recommendations were adopted unanimously without discussion:

- Project Budget for State Board Approval
- Project Budget for State Board Ratification
- Board Ratification for retrainSC Projects for Ratification
- Horry-Georgetown Technical College Capital Project for Approval – Nursing and Health Professions Training
- Midlands Technical College Capital Project for Approval – Learning and Resource Center
- Spartanburg Community College – Terhune Ground Floor and First Bookstore Renovation
- Tri-County Technical College Capital Project for Approval – Workforce Training Center Acquisition
- Trident Technical College Capital Project for Approval – Biology Lab Renovation
- SCWINS Program Eligibility for Approval
- Annual Tuition and Fee Recommendation for Approval
- State Board Financial Summary through the Month Ending February 28, 2025 – Informational Item
- Staff Approvals – January 16 through March 14, 2025 – Informational Item
- Spartanburg Community College -Associate in Applied Science, major in Digital Arts
- State Board Meeting Minutes for January 28, 2025

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Tim Hardee, Executive Director

Dr. Hardee provided a list of his activities since the January State Board meeting; he referenced his detailed report that was included in the board packet (pages 44–46). He highlighted a 4% increase in spring enrollment compared to the previous year, equating to approximately 3,000 additional students system-wide, with some colleges experiencing nearly double-digit growth. He emphasized that while the 4% increase applies to credit programs, there has also been significant growth in non-credit continuing education programs, now serving nearly 40,000 students in high-demand areas such as electrical linework, EMT training, and commercial driver licensing.

Dr. Hardee reported that South Carolina's Technical College System ranked second among 13 Southern states in fall enrollment growth and has successfully rebounded from pandemic-related declines. However, challenges remain in addressing the academic preparedness of incoming students, particularly from rural areas. He noted the shift to more efficient developmental education models, including fast-track and 8-week “mini-mester” courses, which have improved student retention and progress toward graduation.

He also stressed the importance of wraparound services such as financial aid, transportation, and childcare in supporting student success. He also discussed a positive Senate Finance Subcommittee meeting where legislators expressed support for dual enrollment initiatives, emphasizing continued

collaboration with school districts to ensure shared fiscal responsibility. The legislature showed strong interest in expanding dual enrollment access in underserved rural areas.

He announced a joint meeting scheduled for September 23 in Columbia, which will bring together the State Board, the Presidents' Council, and the SC Commissioners Association Technical College Commissioners for shared professional development and then each group will break off for their respective meetings. Additionally, he highlighted the upcoming Phi Theta Kappa recognition event on April 10 and the importance of promoting technical college achievements through such events.

Dr. Hardee also shared updates on a new boat-building program at Horry-Georgetown Technical College and a growing partnership with the SC Governor's School for Science and Mathematics to host summer STEM camps for middle school students across all sixteen colleges. He emphasized the value of introducing families to technical college campuses and programs.

Further, he reported a high in-state workforce graduation rate of over 90% for technical college graduates, compared to approximately 50% for four-year institutions, reinforcing the system's strong return on investment. He also mentioned his upcoming role as commencement speaker at Coastal Carolina University.

Finally, he addressed concerns regarding federal financial aid changes, particularly the future of Pell Grants and FAFSA reform, noting the heavy reliance of rural colleges on federal aid and the potential impact on operations. He indicated this would be a key topic of discussion in future meetings.

Mr. Schrum noted the FY 2025-2026 State Board meeting schedule that was included in the agenda package. He noted the next meeting was scheduled for May 27, 2025, at 10 a.m. at the System Office.

ADJOURN STATE BOARD

With no other matters to discuss, Chair Schrum called for a motion to adjourn the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education meeting. Mr. Odom moved, and Mr. Barker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Date Approved by the State Board

Roger Schrum, Chair

Tim Hardee, Executive Director

STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION SYSTEM PRESIDENT REPORT TO THE STATE BOARD

May 27, 2025

- Guest speaker for the Phi Theta Kappa All State Academic team recognition event held in Columbia to honor the forty-three members of the South Carolina All State team for their efforts in academic success and community service
- Presented the SC Technical College budget request to the Senate Finance Higher Education Subcommittee in April on behalf of the system and our colleges
- Met with Speaker of the House Murell Smith and other members of House of Representatives in April to discuss issues of importance to the technical college system
- Served as the Class of 2025 commencement speaker for Coastal Carolina University at the request of outgoing president Dr. Michael Benson, and their Board of Trustees
- Presentation along with other South Carolina leaders, to national site selection firm and prospective business considering location of their business in South Carolina
- Guest speaker for the Horry Georgetown Technical College professional development day for over three hundred faculty and staff members on system priorities for the future and leadership development
- Met with Governor Henry McMaster about a business in the Upstate of South Carolina experiencing loss of production issues and in need of retraining for their employees
- Guest speaker for the Aiken Rotary Club meeting of eighty members in April at the request of Aiken Technical College president Forest Mahan
- Met with Dr. Hope Rivers, Chairperson for the Presidents Council to plan the agenda for the June presidents retreat and to work toward increased joint partnerships for the State Board, Presidents, and Commissioners Association
- Participated in a meeting in April of the SC Nexus core group to hear about the progress made thus far on the federal grant which was received by South Carolina to address energy resilience in our State
- Guest speaker at the Horry Georgetown Technical College groundbreaking event held in Georgetown for their new boat building program of study
- Participated as a member of the board of directors for the South Carolina Hospital Association in their April board retreat meeting to discuss issues of importance to hospitals across the State such as workforce needs, operational expenses, and opportunities to partner with our technical college system
- Held an employee appreciation event for all system office employees to thank them for their commitment to excellence, professionalism, and high-quality customer service efforts as they serve the needs of our sixteen colleges, readySC, and Apprenticeship Carolina
- Participated in the SC Commission of Higher Education Higher Education Day event held at the State House in partnership with representative our tow and four years institutions across South Carolina

- Presentation to the South Carolina Technical College Area Commissioners Executive Committee in May at the system office about our system priorities and issues of importance for our colleges
- Guest speaker for the University of South Carolina Community College Leadership certificate recognition ceremony held for the fourteen completers from throughout the technical college system of this leadership development program
- Participated in the April meeting of the executive committee for the legislatively formed Coordinating Council for Workforce Development to address workforce needs in South Carolina and to approve the unified state plan for the State of South Carolina
- Participated in the April board meeting of the South Carolina Technical College Foundation as the group transitions from offering training programs to addressing workforce shortage issues across the State of South Carolina
- Met with Lauren Holland the chairman of the Continuing education deans peer group to determine ways to expand the reach of short-term training programs at our colleges
- Attended the State Workforce Development Board meeting held in April to discuss potential opportunities for various state agencies and businesses to meet the workforce needs of the State and the use of federal funds to benefit local communities
- Met with the president of Midlands Technical College, Dr. Greg Little, to discuss potential opportunities for Midlands Technical College to increase enrollment, serve business and industry, and secure legislative support for projects at Midlands Technical College
- Attended the Midlands Technical College career signing ceremony for the Tool-to-Tech Dealership Apprentices event sponsored by the South Carolina Automobile Dealers Association
- Met with Melanie Barton, Education Advisor for Governor McMaster, to discuss legislative issues of importance to the SCTCS such as funding, data collection, dual enrollment, and student completion
- Participated in the monthly call of the National Council of State Directors of Community Colleges to address workforce issues across the nation for over 1,000 community colleges in the county
- Participated in a virtual meeting in May of the South Regional Education Board Dual Enrollment Advisory Board to discuss ways to grow dual enrollment opportunities for high school students
- Conversations with several technical college presidents about personnel issues, budget issues, dual enrollment, legislative issues, tuition freeze, and funding priorities
- Participated in a virtual meeting of the Dual Enrollment Advisory Committee meeting for the Southern Regional Education Board to report on the expansion of dual enrollment opportunities in South Carolina
- Held a conversation with Jordan Desai, with the SC Department of Health and Human Services about our concerns with their delayed testing of CNA students that have completed programs of study at our technical colleges
- Met with Dr. Vicky Wood, the president of Trident Technical College, to discuss partnerships with Boeing, legislative matters, and staffing issues at Trident Technical College

- Participated as a member of the SCBIO board of directors quarterly meeting in May to discuss trends in bioscience industries and workforce needs for bioscience companies in South Carolina
- Held the S.C. Technical College Presidents Council meeting in April and May to discuss issues of importance for the SC Technical College System
- Held a Town Hall Zoom meeting in April and May for all System Office employees to give them an update on the state budget and issues of importance for the SCTCS and express my appreciation for their hard work on behalf of the technical college system
- Met with representatives of the Clemson University College of Engineering department to discuss their plans to establish a partnership for offering virtual training for our technical college students
- Met on several occasions with Warren Ganjehehnsani and Kandy Peacock concerning legal and human resource issues concerning the system office and our colleges
- Held weekly Executive Council meetings with the Vice Presidents of the various divisions at the System Office
- Handled two grievance appeals that needed to be resolved by me that were appealed by college employees from decisions made at the local college level
- Participated in a May conference call with the SC Commission on Higher Education along with presidents of four-year institutions from across South Carolina
- Held several meetings with the technical college president's council legislative committee to develop strategies for the upcoming legislative session
- Met with all new employees of the South Carolina Technical College system office to address the importance of their role in our overall success and to stress the importance of professionalism in representing our 16 colleges and the system office
- Visited the following colleges since the last State Board meeting in March: Greenville Technical College, Piedmont Technical College, Spartanburg Community College, Tri-County Technical College, Midlands Technical College, Horry Georgetown Technical College, Central Carolina Technical College, York Technical College, Aiken Technical College, and Denmark Technical College